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SHANTUNG COLLAPSE IMMINENT.

U.S. CONSUL AT CHEFOO ASKS FOR WARSHIP.

THE FALL OF TAIAN.

Washington, Apr. 23.
A cablegram to the State Department from Mr. Leroy Webber, the United States Consul at Chefoo, and formerly a Consul in Hongkong, recommends the immediate despatch of an American warship to Chefoo.

Mr. Webber states that there is every ground for fear that Chefoo will be seized by bandits in view of the imminent collapse of the Shantung Government.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Southern Successes.

Naval Wireless messages received in Hongkong this morning state that it is clear that the Southern forces have made a general advance, but the magnitude of their success still remains in doubt.

It appears to be definite that Tai'an in the east has been captured, but Feng's advance at the western end may have been stopped owing to the doubtful attitude of his ally. Further batches of troops have been sent from Pukow to the front. Generals Pei Tsung-hsi and Chen Chien are both reported to be at Chungsha.

Very Near City.

Shanghai, April 24.
A report received early this morning from Hsuehchow indicates that the Nationalists, who have succeeded in capturing Tai'an, have further advanced and are now very near the city of Tsinan. A considerable number of Kuomintang forces who have been advancing along the west side of the Tientsin-Pukow line from Feicheng, which is west of Tai'an, are also reported to have approached near Tsinan.

An immediate joint bombardment of the city by the Nationalist 1st Army Corps and the Kuomintang forces is expected. Another report states that the situation in the native city of Tsinan has suddenly become serious, owing to the rapid advance of the Southerners. A large number of foreigners have left the city, fearing trouble. All available troops have been ordered out of the city for reinforcing the defence lines, and only a small number of soldiers, together with the police force, are now in the city.

May Enter To-day.

The Nationalists hope to enter the city this morning.

An official report from Yenchow states that the 1st Army Corps, which captured Tai'an, and the 2nd Army Corps, which captured Feicheng, have been instructed to launch a general attack on Tsinan. Marshal Chiang is preparing to leave Yenchow for the front line in order to direct the operations on the city.

A message from foreign sources confirms the report that the Kuomintang forces have occupied Feicheng and have since advanced along the south bank of the Yellow River towards Tsinan.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Retired Without Fight.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.
Official reports from Hsuehchow state that the Nationalist captured Tai'an on Sunday after a heavy aerial attack. The Northerners abandoned Tai'an without a fight, the retreating army marching towards the Taishan Hills where they evidently intend to make a stand.

The Taishan Hills overlook Tai'an and thus the latest developments point to the fact that it will not be long before Tai'an is threatened. Large detachments of Shantung-Chihli troops are concentrated at Tsinan.

The troops are rapidly preparing the defences, digging large numbers of trenches round the city. The Northerners intend to hold Tsinan at any cost, according to reliable telegrams.

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COUNCIL ANSWERS CRITICISED.

SIR HENRY POLLOCK TO MOVE RESOLUTION.

INADEQUATE REPLIES.

The Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., is not satisfied with the answers given to two of the questions which he asked at last Thursday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

As a consequence, he will, at this week's meeting, move the following resolution:—"That the Answers given in this Council on the 19th April to my Questions 4 and 7 are unsatisfactory."

Question 4 dealt with bathing facilities, and in replying thereto the Hon. Colonial Secretary stated last Thursday that 16 cubicles were being erected at Repulse Bay—ten for men and five for women; but no provision was being made for a pavilion.

After that answer had been given, Sir Henry Pollock asked whether these facilities were considered by the Government to be adequate for the use of the public, to which H.E. the Governor said he was afraid that that question would have to stand over to the next meeting.

Question 7 dealt with the matter of children's playgrounds in Kowloon, and the answer given by the Colonial Secretary was:—"Pending its use by the Government for other purposes, a small area can be reserved as a children's playground at the junction of Salisbury and Middle Roads. There is, however, in the opinion of the Government, no area at Tsimshatsui which is really suitable for permanent reservation as a children's playground; and none of the undeveloped area adjoining Nathan Road appears to be suitable for conversion to children's playgrounds."

JAPANESE TROOPS FOR TSINAN.

EIGHTEEN HUNDRED NOW ON THE WAY.

CHINESE OPINIONS.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.
It is understood that the larger proportion of the Japanese forces intended for Shantung, of which the first detachment of 1,800 with General Fukuda, in command, and his Staff sailed yesterday, will be despatched to Tsinan immediately on their arrival at Tsingtao.

Authoritative Chinese opinion now believes that the Japanese will not attempt to hold up the victorious advance of the Nationalist Army in any way, because unlike last May (when the Japanese sent troops to Tsinan) the domination of the Russian Reds in the Nationalists' policies is now at an end.

The result is that Japan no longer fears that a further spread of Communism will result from the possible final Nationalist victory.

Furthermore, the popular disapproval of Baron Tanaka's policy, combined with the exceedingly difficult and delicate political situation in Japan, will naturally force the Japanese Government to avoid friction in Shantung.—*Reuter.*

SHORTENING DISTANCE TO FAR EAST.

NEW YORK TO PEKING BY AIR.

New York, Apr. 23.
All Arctic explorers, including Commander Byrd and Stefansson, declare that the Wilkins Flight confirms the theory that the best air route from America to the Far East would be across the North Pole.

It would be possible by the trans-Pole route to reduce the present distance from New York to Peking from ten thousand miles to seven thousand miles.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"SOME RAIN" PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—"This anticyclone is central between Shanghai and north Nagsaki and now dominates the map. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, strong, moderating; overcast; some rain."

RACING CAR SPEED RECORD.

TWO BRITISHERS OUT TO GET IT BACK.

AMERICAN MAKING SECOND ATTEMPT TO-DAY.

RAY KEECH INJURED.

London, Apr. 23.
As the result of Mr. Ray Keetch's success at Daytona Beach yesterday when his Triplex car averaged 207.55 miles an hour, a world's motor speed contest threatens to develop.

Captain Malcolm Campbell, whose record was beaten, announced his intention of making an early effort to retrieve the record for Britain. It is possible that his attempt will be made on the sands in Denmark, which are reported to him to be suitable.

New British Car.

Major Segrave, another famous racing-motocyclist, whose giant machine, accomplished 203 miles an hour, said it is impossible to allow the Americans to hold the record long. He will do his best to get it back as soon as his new machine is ready, which he hopes will be January next.

Another Attempt.

New York, Apr. 23.
Mr. Frank Lockhart, who crashed in a previous attempt, will attack Mr. Ray Keetch's record to-morrow, while Mr. Keetch says that he will try again if Lockhart succeeds.

It is noteworthy that the machine used by Mr. Ray Keetch was the Triplex belonging to Mr. J. M. White which was disqualified when Captain Campbell created the record, because it had no differential, clutch or reverse gear. It is a car weighing over four tons, has three motors and develops 1,500 h.p.

Presumably the omissions resulting in its disqualification in February have now been rectified.

Record-Breaker Burned.

A message from Daytona Beach to-day states that during the last run yesterday, the car driven by Mr. Ray Keetch back-fired and sprayed his body with blazing petrol.

The driver's right arm was badly burned, but fortunately he escaped serious hurt.—*Reuter.*

LABOUR HOLD HANLEY SEAT.

MAJORITY CONSIDERABLY INCREASED.

London, Apr. 23.
The bye-election at Hanley made necessary by the death of the Labour M.P., Mr. S. Clowes, took place to-day, the polling resulting as follows:

Mr. Hollins (Lab.)	15,185
Mr. Denville (Cons.)	6,604
Mr. Meakin (Lib.)	3,390
Labour majority	8,582

FRENCH COMMUNISTS POLL WELL.

FAVOURABLY PLACED FOR SECOND BALLOT.

Paris, Apr. 23.
Although no Communist was returned as the result of the ballot on Sunday, the Communists polled a greater aggregate of votes than ever before.

Many of their candidates are in a favourable position for the second ballot on Sunday next.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH ATTACK ON AIR RECORD.

HOPE TO ACHIEVE NEARLY 350 MILES AN HOUR.

R.A.F. APPOINTMENT.

London, Apr. 23.
Flight-Lieutenant David D'Arcy Greig has been appointed to the command of the Royal Air Force high speed flying section at Felixstowe with a view to an attempt in the near future on the world's sea-plane record.—*Reuter.*

Flight-Lieutenant David D'Arcy Greig has been officially appointed to command the high speed experimental section of the Royal Air Force.

He will go into training at once to fly the Supermarine Napier S5 monoplane in an effort to break the world's speed record of 318 miles per hour.

The attempt will be made at Southampton Water, Calshot, in about two months, and it is hoped to attain a speed of nearly 350 miles per hour.

It may be assumed that Flight-Lieutenant Greig will command the British team which will fly for the Schneider Trophy next year.

Till recently it was considered doubtful whether the new British

RACING MOTORIST KILLED.

Famous Italian Driver's Fatal Accident.

BUENOS TO NEW YORK.

New York, Apr. 23.
A message from Bogota, Columbia, states that the famous Italian motor-racing driver, Puccini, who was making a motor trip from Buenos Aires to New York has been killed as the result of his overturning during a trial spin on the Call racetrack.

—*Reuter's American Service.*

attempt at the air speed record would be made this year but now it has been decided definitely to make the attempt.—*British Wireless.*

WRONG MAN HIT BY BAMBOO.

UNFORTUNATE VICTIM OF ANOTHER'S OFFENCE.

During a rush for passengers' baggage on the express from Canton to noon yesterday a coolie at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station received a severe knock across the head by somebody's bamboo pole, necessitating his removal to hospital for treatment.

A second coolie was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and in answer to a charge of assault, said that he had had a quarrel with a third coolie and in a chase accidentally struck the complainant with his pole.

According to Sergeant Clarke, the defendant was seen by Private Bradbury, R. A. S. C., to strike a coolie with his pole. The man who was assaulted ran away.

The complainant in reply to his Worship said that he was struck from behind and did not know who had hit him.

Intimating that it appeared to have been an accident, his Worship ordered the defendant to pay the complainant \$5 compensation and further bound him over to be of good behaviour, in the sum of \$50 for six months.

BEER AND CIGARS FOR AVIATORS.

New York, Apr. 23.
The relief aeroplane conducted by Colonel Fitzmaurice has arrived at Greenly Island with spares for the "Bremen," also underclothing, German beer, cigars etc. for the German aviators.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SANDINO CREATES SENSATION.

DARING RAID ON U. S. GOLD MINE.

BRITISHER AND 4 AMERICANS TAKEN PRISONER.

MINE PROPERTY LOOT.

New York, Apr. 23.
A daring raid by General Sandino, the Nicaraguan rebel leader, is reported by the proprietors of the American-owned gold mine at Laluz, Nicaragua, a cable from them stating that the insurgents attacked the mine on April 12th, seizing large quantities of gold, merchandise from the shops in the city, and many animals.

General Sandino also kidnapped Mr. Marshall, the assistant Mine Superintendent, and all the employees.

American Marines have been despatched in pursuit of the raiders, but no information regarding the operations is yet available.

The Mine Superintendent is a Britisher named Amphlett, but his name is not mentioned in connexion with the raiders' escape.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Amphlett a Prisoner.

New York, Apr. 24.
The latest news from Nicaragua regarding the sensational attack by General Sandino on the American gold-mine at Laluz, confirms that the rebel leader took the British Mine Superintendent, Mr. Amphlett prisoner, in addition to four Americans and about one hundred native mine-workers.

All portable property belonging to the mine, including foodstuffs, and 75 boats used for the transportation of gold ore were also seized.

Meanwhile the pursuers, the American Marines, are uncertain which direction General Sandino has taken and are pushing into a wild region among dense tropical vegetation where white men have seldom penetrated.

SENATE ATTACK.

Washington, Apr. 23.
The Government's policy in Nicaragua has been brought before the attention of the Senate by Senator Norris, who bitterly attacked the administration, asserting that the United States was at war with countries of Central America without the necessary sanction from Congress.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SERIOUS MILL STRIKE DEVELOPMENTS.

POLICE FORCED TO FIRE ON MOB AT PAREL.

Bombay, Apr. 23.
The mill strike is developing seriously, over 65,000 workers have downed tools in the mill area, while only five mills are continuing work.

It is reported that the Police were forced to fire on riotous strikers at the Parel mill district. Later, thousands of strikers demonstrated in front of the mills, and started stone-throwing. The police were unable to control the crowd and the Superintendent fired his revolver at the demonstrators, killing one and wounding one.—*Reuter.*

RUHR ARBITRATION AWARD.

HELD BINDING ON ALL PARTIES.

Berlin, Apr. 23.
The Minister of Labour has declared that the arbitration award in the Ruhr coal-mining dispute is binding on all parties.

The decision provided for the maintenance of an 8-hour shift underground, a reduction of one hour in the working hours at the pithead and other surface workers, and a general increase of wages of eight per cent.

This award was rejected originally by both the miners and the mine-owners.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI APPEAL TO LEAGUE.

INTERNATIONALIST URGES PEACE IN POLITICS.

NO PAPER TREATIES.

Shanghai, Apr. 24.
Mr. C. Blix, the originator of the International message thanking Britain for sending troops to the defence of Shanghai, has just despatched an appeal to the League of Nations and the principal newspapers in Europe urging the re-creating of foreign policies in China.

He urges that the old system of diplomacy should be discarded and a new basis of international relationship created, the guiding factors of which should be sympathy and understanding.

Mr. Blix urges the abandonment of party interests and bureaucratic control of foreign affairs, which he suggests are a menace to the lives and happiness of the people.

He further suggests the establishment of a political and geographical institute, in conjunction with the League of Nations for the purpose of training Government officials and affording them an opportunity of meeting the people of other races.

The present political system, he says, is subversive of lasting world peace as the separation of foreign affairs from party politics is a vital necessity.

In conclusion, Mr. Blix appeals to the Party leaders to persuade their Governments to publish a joint world declaration announcing an agreement to seek a better understanding on the basis of the common foundation of political intercourse, and not paper treaties without sound basis.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

ELECTION EXPENSE CONTROL.

NEW BILL'S DIFFICULTY OVERCOME.

SCALE IS REDUCED.

London, Apr. 23.
The House of Commons to-day continued the committee stage of the Bill giving votes to women on equal terms with men.

It accepted the new clause moved by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Labour) reducing the maximum scale of a candidate's election expenses from 7d. as at present allowed for each elector in the counties and from 6d. as allowed at present for each elector in the boroughs to 6d. and 4d. respectively.

Supporters of the clause were anxious that in view of the increase of the electorate by 5,000,000 women, the expenditure allowed to the candidates should not be so increased as to hamper a man of small means.

The Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson Hicks, gave figures from the General Election of 1924, which showed that the successful candidates had spent on an average 43 pence per head of the electorate in the London boroughs, 34 pence in other English boroughs, and 52 pence in the English counties.

The Scottish boroughs expenditure was very much smaller giving 22d. in the boroughs and 4.8d. in the counties.—*British Wireless.*

DANISH CONVERSION LOAN.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL UNDERTAKING.

Copenhagen, Apr. 23.
For the purpose of converting the city's 5½ per cent. Loan of 1910, Copenhagen has contracted a loan of \$12,500,000 with Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb and the International Acceptance Bank of New York.

It will be a 25-year loan at 4½ per cent. interest, at a price of 92.71.—*Reuter.*

Two months' hard labour was the sentence imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a young Chinese found loitering on the staircase of Nos. 3 and 4, Gillies Avenue, Hungtom, at midnight with a chisel in his possession.

SUGAR REFINERY'S LOSSES.

IMPOSSIBLE TO WORK AT PROFIT.

SEVERE COMPETITION FROM JAVA AND JAPAN.

A PRIVATE MEETING.

The reasons for the heavy loss incurred by the China Sugar Refining Company last year were outlined at the fifth annual general meeting of the Company, held at the office of the general agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning.

The Chairman said that as the Company's bankers and general agents had intimated their unwillingness to make further advances an informal special committee of shareholders had been appointed to inquire into the Company's position and prepare a report.

The report was submitted to an informal meeting at the conclusion of the general one, the proceedings being conducted in private.

Speaking at the general meeting the Chairman, Mr. B. D. F. Beth said:—"The report and accounts having been in your hands for the past week, I will with your permission take them as read."

Loss of \$1,189,295.
The Statement of Accounts submitted to you shows a net loss on the year's working of \$1,189,295.62 after providing for depreciation on the usual scale, payment of interest and all other charges.

The balance at debit of Profit and Loss Account thus stands at \$2,723,083.74 after bringing forward the debit of \$1,533,788.05 from the previous year.

I very much regret having to put before you such a poor result of the year's working, which, as will be explained later, is due entirely to causes beyond the control of your General Agents. It is more regrettable in view of the fact that this is the 50th annual general meeting of the Company and it may be of interest to you to know that over this period the average annual return to shareholders has been slightly below 11 per cent.

Price Declines.

Our stocks of raw sugar and our forward purchases were much below replacing cost at the beginning of the year, but early in January prices of raws began to sag and there was a continual decline throughout the year.

In January the laid down cost of raws at the Refinery was approximately \$12 per picul. In February it was slightly below \$10 and there was a gradual fall until at the end of the year the cost was down to \$8.

Prices of Java Browns fell gradually during the year, the ex Godown Java quotations being 13 in January and reached their lowest point in December, 16 Guilders 8.55.

Yangtze Chaos.

Our average cost of raws was much below replacing cost up to the middle of July, and even under these circumstances our refined product could not be sold in China so show a profit but owing to the gradual decline, during the remainder of the year, the cost of our purchases was above the replacing figure.

Our sales in the Yangtze Valley and the North generally have been seriously affected during the year by the hostilities and political chaos existing and the consequent lack of transportation facilities both by rail and water, together with the heavy taxes levied by the various military factions and lack of credit facilities, and owing to accumulation of our stocks we were compelled to close down the Refinery during the whole of February and November and part of June. Our total melt of Raw Sugar during the year was 495,000 piculs as compared with 662,400 piculs in 1926.

Japanese Competition.

This, as you will readily understand, increased our cost of production materially. All our raw sugar has been melted and Refinery is closed down. We have no forward commitments of raws.

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A CLAN FEUD.

KOKLOS AND HAKKAS IN WATERFRONT FIGHT.

The well-known antipathy existing between the Hakkas and Koklos of the Colony, a recent fight between the two factions on waterfront, and an unique point in Court procedure which the Bench is being asked to decide, were features of an unusual case which came up for hearing before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court yesterday afternoon. Six Koklos and eight Hakkas were charged with disorderly conduct, arising from two fights which occurred on the same afternoon on the waterfront. The first of these incidents was staged at the Douglas Wharf, and the second, which followed a few hours later, took place outside the Chiu Chow Wharf.

In appearing for six men, Mr. L. D. Turner said his clients were the Koklos, and those which Mr. M. K. Lo were defending, were Hakkas. He was going to reverse the plea on his clients' behalf and plead not guilty, and to address the Bench on certain facts in extenuation.

Sale of Steamer Tickets.
To do this, he had to go back ten days, to the 2nd or 3rd of this month, when some of the employees of the six Koklos went to his office and informed him that they were members of a combination of firms styled the Wah Fook Company, which, for the last 30 or 40 years, were doing business in selling third class tickets on various ships, including those which left the Douglas Wharf, the O.S.K. Wharf and the Chiu On Wharf. They, and all of their employees, were Koklos.

Although he had been the heads of the shipping companies concerned, Mr. H. P. White and others, there was no agreement by which these Koklos were their agents. But they were, it was acknowledged, virtual agents for 30 or 40 years, for although there was no agreement, it was in accordance with the facts that no large bunches of tickets were sold to any other people.

The Koklos then informed Mr. Turner that owing to some change of policy the three shipping companies mentioned had departed, within a few days of the 2nd or 3rd of this month, from their usual practice and had begun to sell the tickets to a rival organization of Hakkas.

Solicitor's Advice.
Continuing, Mr. Turner said it was common knowledge that Koklos and Hakkas were mutually antipathic, to put it mildly. Therefore his clients, the Koklos, who went to see him, feared there would be disturbance and consulted him as to what they should do. In the absence of information, they were advised to report their fears to the Police and meanwhile to warn their employees to go to the police for protection and not to indulge in any faction fight on the spot.

The first of the two incidents which ensued, on the 12th instant, occurred about a quarter past one in the afternoon at the Douglas Wharf. In connexion with the fight then taking place, the first six defendants, being Koklos, were arrested and with them were arrested five Hakkas.

News of this fight was brought to Mr. Turner's office by the Hoko organization. They said they had definite reason to fear that at 4 or 5 o'clock the same afternoon, a further attack would be made upon their men at the Chiu On Wharf.

A Technical Breach.
On receipt of this information, Mr. Turner continued, they immediately interviewed one of the Assistant Superintendents of Police, Mr. Perdue, who promised to send down a strong body of police to stand by in case of trouble. The trouble arrived, and in connexion with it, five other Koklos were arrested, and with them three more Hakkas.

Mr. Turner understood that it was while the arrested men were

being taken to the Police Station from the Chiu On Wharf that they saw a strong body of police being marched down the hill, but unfortunately too late to prevent the incident.

Mr. Turner said he was pleading guilty to a purely technical breach of the law. He could, of course, call statements from his office to bear out what occurred in the interviews there, but submitted that on what had been already stated, his Worship was entitled to assume that these men feared an attack and that they had committed no offence at all, but were seeking protection from the police who were not there when the second incident took place. He believed there were only the wharf sergeant and one or two Chinese detectives on duty at the spot at the time. He asked his Worship to believe that on being attacked by the Hakkas, his Hoko clients merely retaliated in self-defence.

Another Version.
Mr. M. K. Lo had a different version of the affair when rising to address the Court on behalf of his clients, the Hakkas.

He said that he was pleading not guilty for his clients, and in doing so he had in view the fact that the Hakkas were the aggressors. They staged a deliberate attack on the Koklos, and had massed together a force of no fewer than 100 men for that purpose.

Evidence would be called to bear out this. Mr. Lo asked his Worship to postpone the question of a fine, or binding over Mr. Turner's clients, as Mr. Turner had suggested. He understood the police were prosecuting in the case, and such evidence as they might be able to adduce would put the matter in the right light and go to show that the Koklos and not the Hakkas were the aggressors.

Mr. Turner, Mr. Lo continued, had made a statement of no great value than an ex-parte statement. As a matter of fact such circumstances as were present in the case were all apparently known to Mr. Williams, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, who had also made certain observations to Mr. Lo in the presence of Mr. Turner, which Mr. Lo would not mention now, as they might prejudice Mr. Turner's case.

A Legal Point.
Such observations by Mr. Williams, would have affected the position, apart from the information which Mr. Turner's clients had given him and his colleagues. The information in Mr. Lo's possession would be interesting, following as it did certain portions of Mr. Turner's remarks.

Mr. Turner submitted he was entitled to an immediate sentence from the Court in view of his having entered a plea of guilty; an immediate departure by his clients after they had been sentenced, from the Court, and the departure also of himself as their solicitor. Any delay would be involving his own clients in unnecessary legal expenses which they were not called upon to bear under other circumstances.

Mr. Lo objected, pointing out that he had not been heard and that such evidence as he would call for his clients to sustain their plea of not guilty, might alter the complexion of the case.

Mr. Turner said that granting Mr. Lo's Hakkas were "all angels fallen from Heaven," the case was finished as far as he was concerned as he had pleaded guilty and was only awaiting the Court's sentence.

Mr. Lo said that postponing the sentence for a few hours was no hardship to Mr. Turner's Hakkas as they were on bail.

Mr. Lo reminded his Worship that it was not an unusual or irregular practice of a Judge at the Supreme Court to postpone sentence while he heard evidence which might help him in a determination of the extent of the sentence to be imposed.

Major Willson said he would adjourn the case to consider the point. His Worship fixed 2.30 tomorrow afternoon for the resumption.

DEPORTED LUNATICS.

HONGKONG AS A DUMPING- GROUND.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce contains some interesting information on correspondence which has taken place with the Government with reference to the introduction of imbeciles and lepers into the Colony. The report says:

The Colonial Government on December 5, 1927, invited the opinion of the Chamber on a proposal to amend the Imbecile Persons Introduction Ordinance of 1904. The Attorney General in a Memorandum explained that the Ordinance of 1904 makes a shipowner liable, up to \$5,000, for the expenses of maintaining or repatriating any person, not ordinarily resident in the Colony, who is landed from his ship, and who at the time of landing is a lunatic, if he becomes a charge upon the public within a period of three months from the date of landing.

The Ordinance does not apply to persons of Chinese nationality, and accordingly there is no check on the landing here of lunatics of Chinese nationality. Such lunatics do in fact reach Hongkong, having been deported from other Pacific ports. Many of them have no connexion with the Colony, and are landed here merely because Hongkong is the nearest port to that part of China to which they belong. It is unreasonable that this Colony should have to bear the expense of maintaining such lunatics, and this expense, in the more serious cases, because repatriation to Canton has become a matter of considerable difficulty in recent years. Even the expense of repatriation should not be imposed on this Colony. Accordingly, explained the Attorney General, section 5 of the proposed amending Ordinance removed from the principal Ordinance the exception of persons of Chinese nationality, and in future shipowners would incur the same liability in respect of such lunatics as they did at present in respect of landing of lunatics of other nationalities. Section 4 of the proposed Ordinance extended this liability to the case of lepers.

Onus on Shipowners.

As stated above, the shipowner was not liable if the person in question was ordinarily resident in the Colony. It would be very difficult for the Crown to prove that any particular person landed here was not ordinarily resident in the Colony, and accordingly by paragraph (a) and (c) of section 4 of the Ordinance placed on the shipowner the onus of proving that the person landed was ordinarily resident in the Colony. The probable effect of this would simply be, that shipowners would refuse to take a lunatic or leper as a passenger for Hongkong unless they were prepared with some evidence that the passenger was ordinarily resident here, or were satisfied that he was not likely to become a charge on the public within three months after his landing, or had ascertained from the Government in advance that he would be allowed to land.

In replying on January 9, 1928, the Chamber wrote:

The Committee desires to point out that the existing Ordinance already places a heavy onus upon shipping companies, and its extension to include what might be termed the Chinese passenger traffic in Far Eastern waters would be impracticable. The Committee suggests that special exemption be granted in respect of such traffic and would be prepared, should the Government so desire, to endeavour to draft a clause which in their opinion would meet the case.

The Chamber fully sympathizes with measures designed to prevent Chinese imbeciles and lepers who have been rejected by the authorities in other countries, and who are being repatriated as known mental and physical defectives, becoming a charge upon this Colony.

The Chamber would be agreeable to the extension of the Ordinance to Chinese travelling on ocean going steamers running between Hongkong and ports outside the Chinese passenger trade in the Far East, if assurances are received that the Government possesses effective means of securing repatriation of those Chinese imbeciles and lepers for whose care China, and not Hongkong, is responsible. From enquiries made, the Chamber doubts whether existing facilities are adequate in this respect, and in consequence, shipping companies may be put to considerable expense in paying for the maintenance of imbeciles over long periods of time. The Chamber, however, feels that heavy expenses arising from inadequate arrangements for repatriation should not be charge-

LAND SALE.

ST. JOSEPH'S ACQUIRES NEW SITE.

The Reverend Brother Almar, signing himself as the Director, in Hongkong of St. Joseph's College, was the only bidder at a land sale held at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday afternoon.

The area, measuring 435,000 square feet was sold to Brother Almar at the upset figure of \$120,000. The locality, as shown by a plan at the P.W.D. Office, indicates the site as being near Prince Edward Road and bounded on the north side by Boundary Street near Ma Tau Wei.

An interesting clause in connexion with the sale is the fact that the purchaser "shall build and finish, fit for occupation, before the expiration of three years from the day of sale in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner, one or more good and permanent buildings upon some part of the lot . . . and shall expend thereon a sum of not less than \$350,000 in rateable improvements."

In conversation with Brother Almar after the conclusion of the sale a Press representative learned that it is proposed to erect a branch of St. Joseph's College on the site. The step is being taken with a view to accommodating students on the Peninsula.

able to the shipping companies.

Hongkong's Peculiar Position.

Noting that Clause (3) (1) of the Ordinance is permissive in effect and does not definitely forbid the landing of imbeciles, the Chamber assumes from this that the Government recognizes the peculiar position of Hongkong as the only port to which, in practice, ocean steamers can bring deported imbeciles intended for repatriation to South China.

The Chamber has some difference in making suggestions, being without that fuller knowledge of the subject which the Government possesses. It occurs to the Committee, however, that it might be possible to insist on the Chinese names and native villages of imbeciles and lepers being provided to the satisfaction of the Hongkong Government as a condition precedent to allowing them to land in the Colony; and then to treat them as persons in transit, the Colony assuming no responsibility for them beyond giving them, if possible, temporary accommodation when they cannot pass through to destination the same day. Where particulars in Chinese, as above, are not available permission to land would be definitely refused.

Under such a plan foreign governments desiring to deport mental and physical defectives would first supply the particulars of the people to the Shipping Company, which would transmit them to its Hongkong office for submission to the authorities here. If the Hongkong Government was satisfied that the place names, in particular, were genuine, the Shipping Company would accept the passenger. Thus the foreign Government would keep the deportee an extra month. In cases where the required particulars could not be supplied, the foreign Government would have to keep the deportee until it could come to a satisfactory arrangement with China, and Hongkong would avoid any responsibility.

In extending the Ordinance to overseas Chinese it is suggested that the maximum liability of \$5,000 imposed upon shipowners in respect of Europeans, should not be taken over without modification, and that the sum of \$500 would be sufficient as regards Chinese passengers.

The Government replied on January 17, 1928, that it was prepared to agree to consider the exemption of river and China Coast traffic and was glad to avail itself of the offer of the Chamber to draft a clause. Replying on March 19 the Chamber pointed out that exemption of "River and China Coast traffic" would inadequately meet the situation, and that the words in the former communication on the subject were "the exemption of Chinese passenger traffic in Far Eastern waters." The Chamber suggested that the Ordinance should be amended as not to apply to "persons of Chinese nationality arriving in the Colony by vessels from China, Japan, Korea and Formosa, Philippine Islands, Straits Settlements, and Federated Malay States, Dutch East Indies, Borneo, French Indo-China, Siam and Burma."



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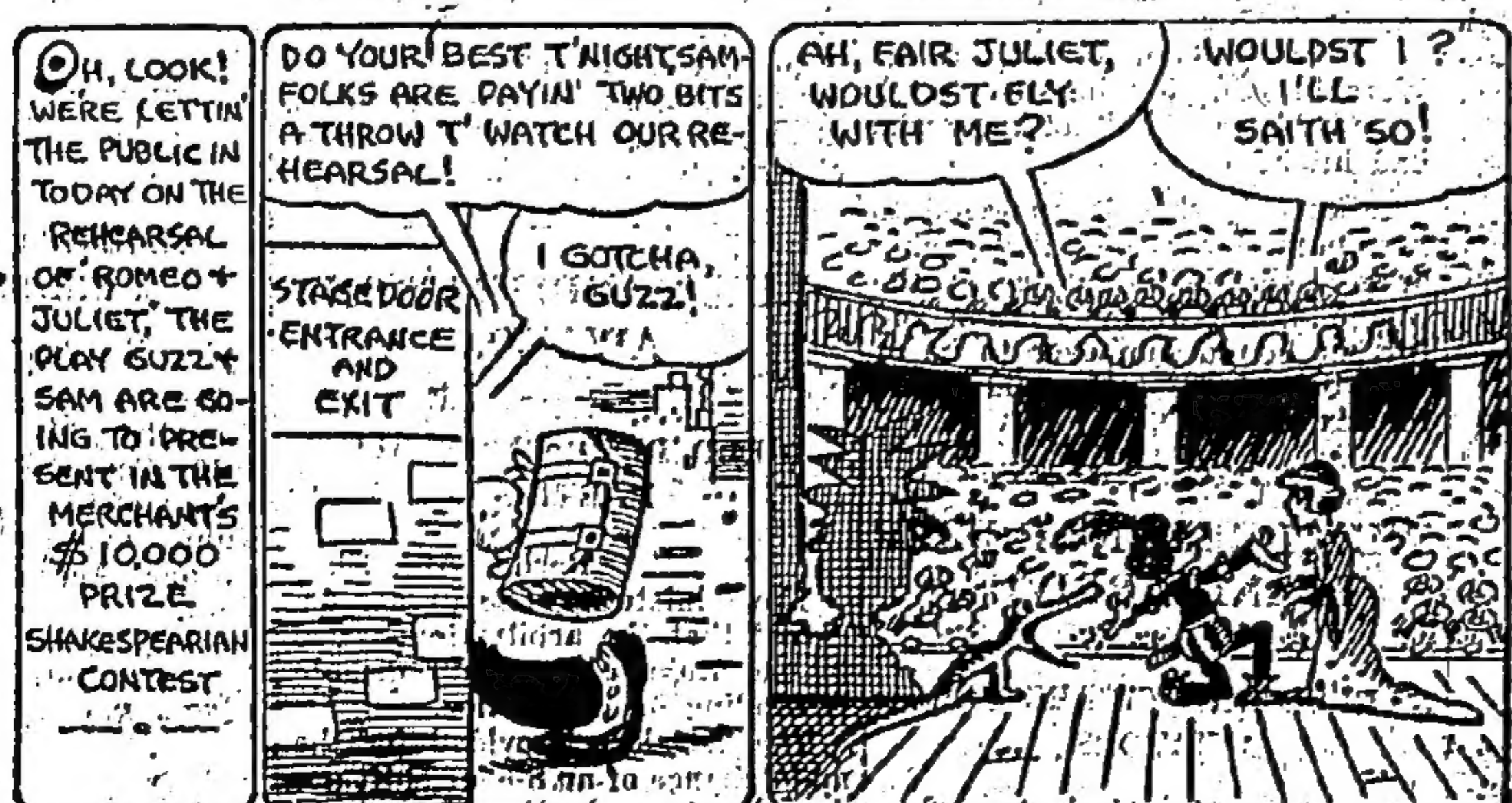
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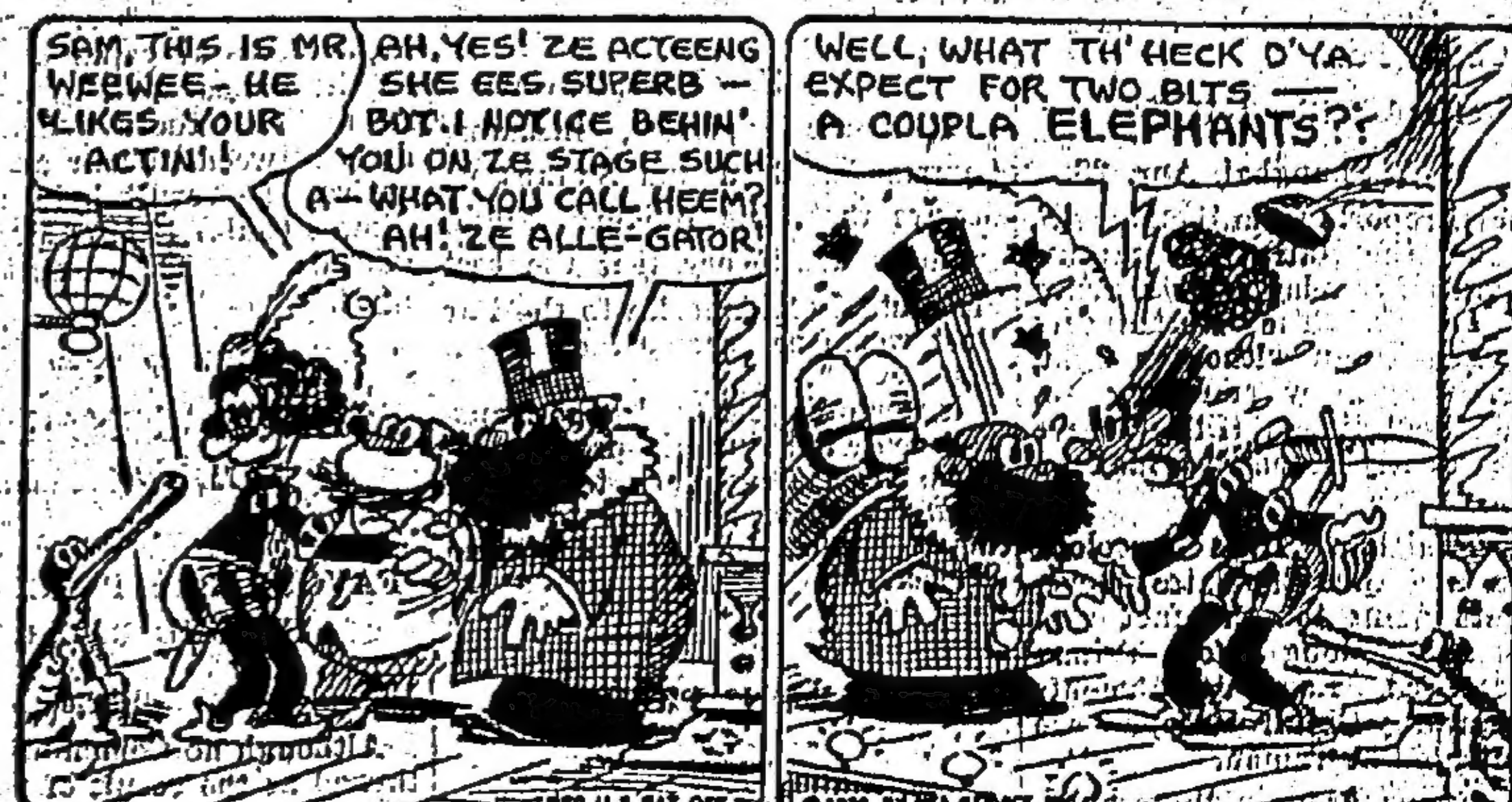
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The three new Chinese Members of the Shanghai Municipal Council recently were elected at a meeting of Chamber of Commerce. In this group are the three new Councillors, while prominent in the front row are Mr. Yu Yah-ching, Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. S. S. Fung.



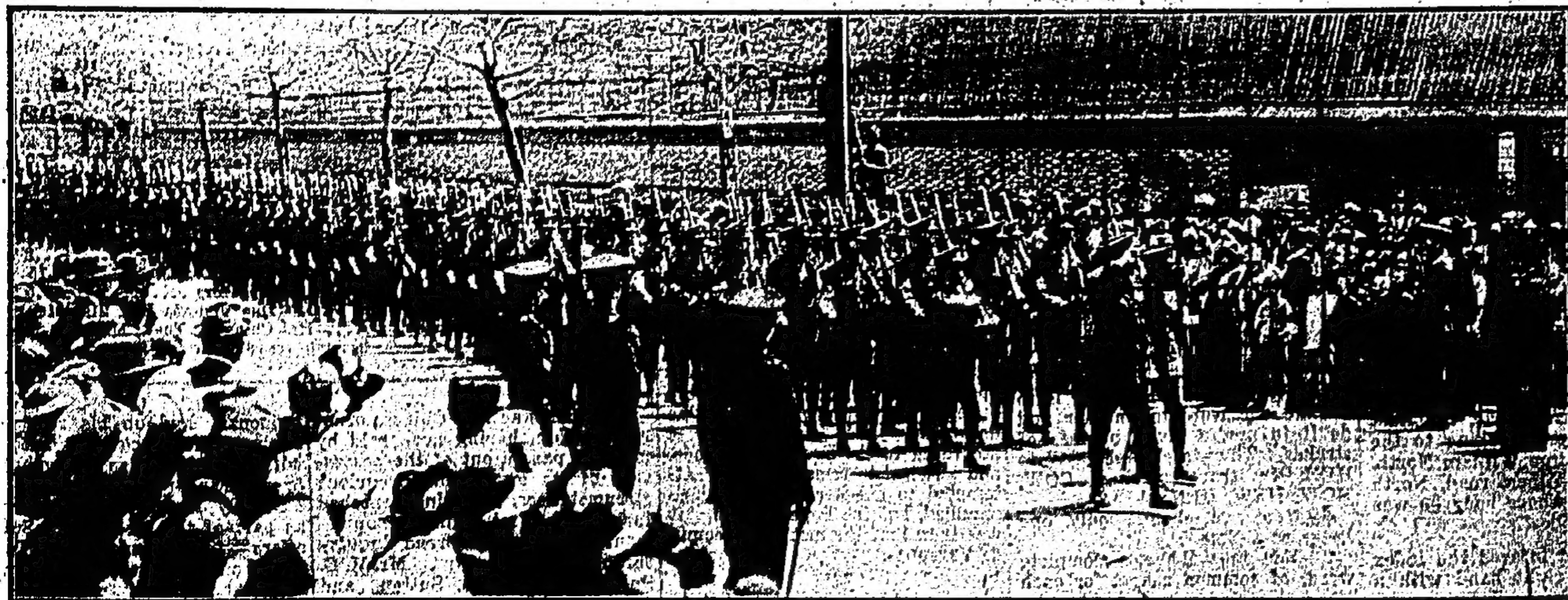
Filling the three seats on the Shanghai Municipal Council, the Chinese ratopayers have elected three of their number as Councillors, and also six more to serve on the Council's advisory committee. The three new Councillors are in the top row. They are; Messrs. Poi Jung-sen, Yuan Li-tung and Chao-Chin-ohing. The other six are members of the advisory committee. They are, middle row; Messrs. Ling Kong-hou, Lee Ming, Chin Jung-ohing; bottom row; D. M. Wong, D. S. Chen and Chien Lung-chao.



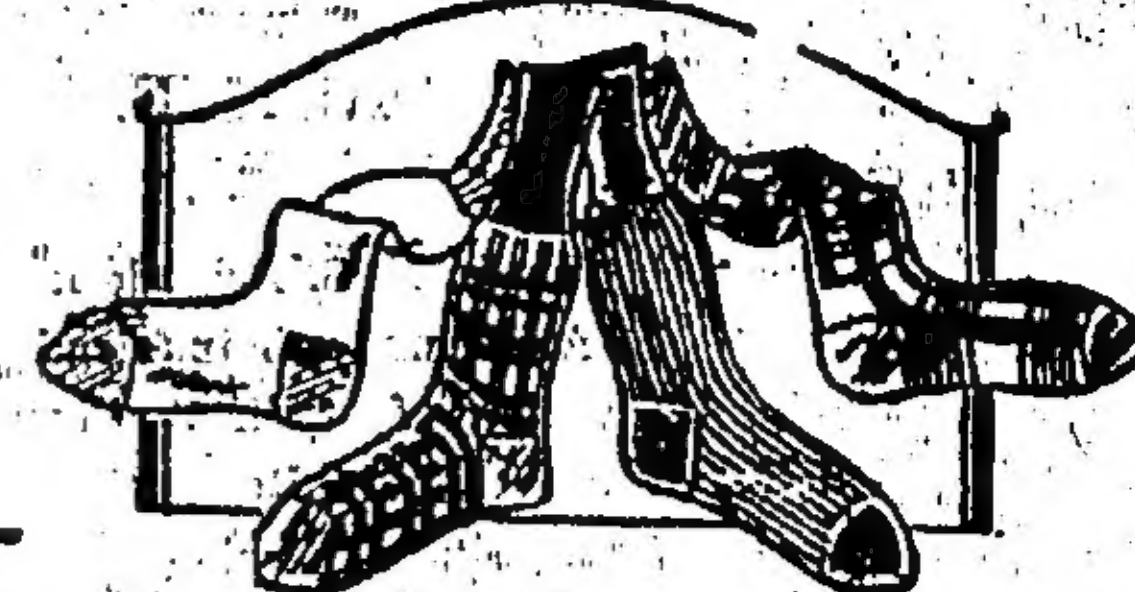
Messrs. Yu Yah-ching and S. S. Fung seen above presided at the elections of the three Chinese Councillors held at the Shanghai Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.



Bridal group taken at the Shanghai Union Church after the wedding recently of Mr. William Murdoch McLennan and Miss Millicent Hope Maxwell.



"I was much impressed by the bearing, turn out, and efficient appearance of all the units and of each single man." is the way Major-General Wardrop described his impressions of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps when they marched past his house during a recent route march. Photo shows the saluting base, Colonel Orpen Palmer taking the salute. With the Colonel is Mr. Feasenden, and other notables.



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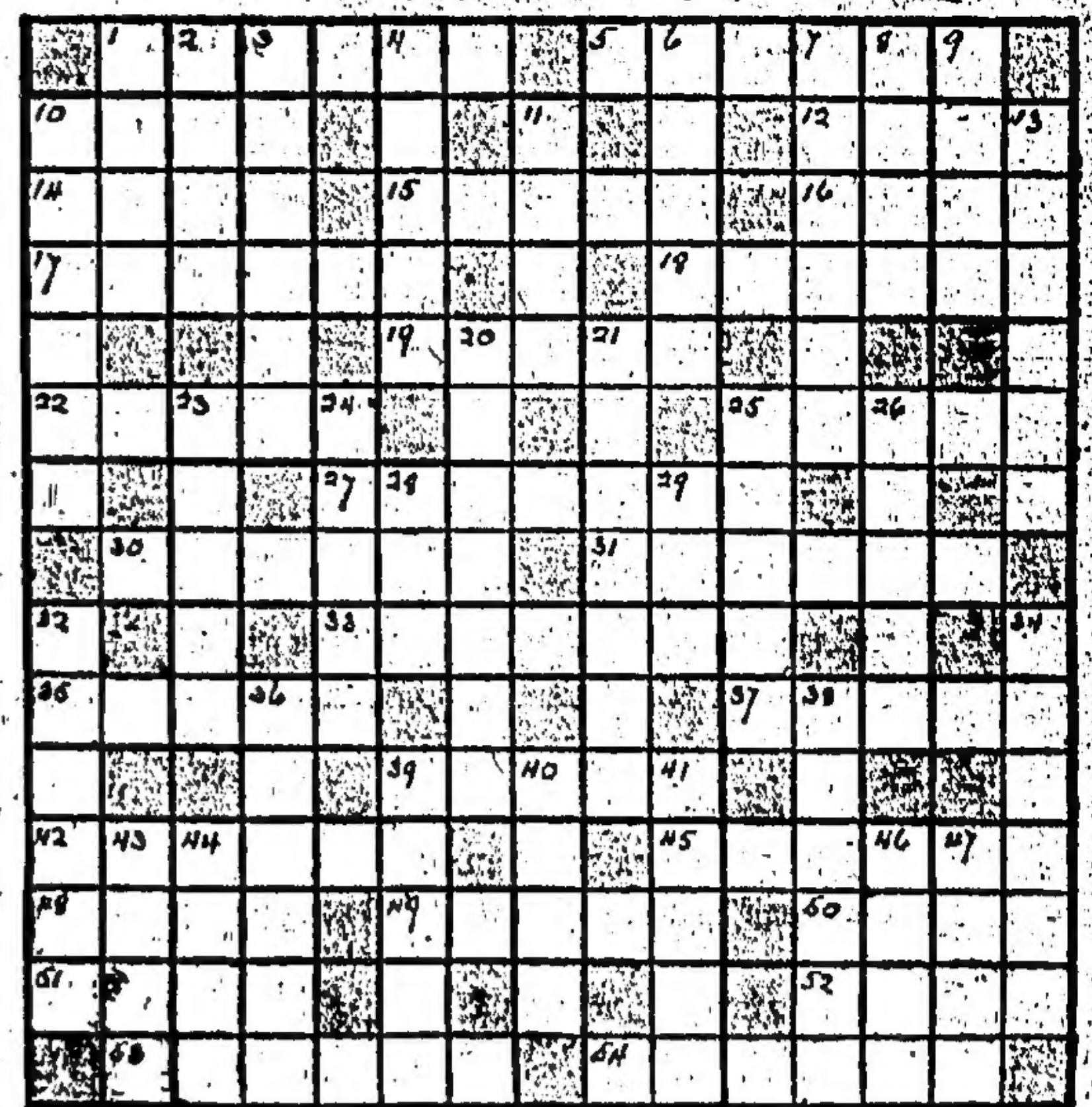
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 - 23 To lop.
 - 24 Tules.
 - 26 Iceberg.
 - 28 The whole.
 - 29 Vegetable.
 - 30 Self luminous orb.
 - 32 Sweetmeats.
 - 34 Member of a strict Jewish sect.
 - 36 Obtained by labour.
 - 38 Be obvious.
 - 39 Salpêtre (arch).
 - 40 Shetland term equivalent to frehold.
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 - 44 Engle.
 - 46 Not working.
 - 47 Brazilian coins.

Yesterday's Solution.



WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Five little bows and an uneven hemline on a chartreuse tulle and moire ribbon frock (left) and the crisp dignified beauty of a crystal and gold embroidered black taffeta gown typify the smart spring evening mode.



Practical Work.

DRESSMAKING BY GEOMETRY.

"Quite a number of the girls and women—there are over 1,000—taking classes here this term are studying motor mechanics and engineering drawing with a view to becoming professional drivers," said Miss D. L. Eastmont, superintendent of the Women's Section at the Borough Polytechnic London. Last month Lord Montagu of Beaulieu presented prizes and certificates.

"There are still some women learning dental mechanics, although this profession became overcrowded by the enormous number who entered it just after the war," continued Mrs. Eastmont.

Telephone Operators as Elocutionists.

"On Monday 15 women, among them clerks, health visitors, and young married women, take a two-hours' odd-job' class, in which they learn soldering, electric-light wiring, and other useful arts. Over a dozen telephone girls are studying elocution in their spare time."

Practical Ideas in the Laboratory. The chemistry of cookery and the geometry of dressmaking are being taught to girls of 13 to 15 by Miss Carter, B.Sc. of Bedford College, London.

The average girl's memories of four years of science classes consist of a confused recollection of Boyle's Law, Archimedes' Principle, and a motor experiment of their own—putting chalk into ink-wells. Miss Carter, however, believes that girls who do not intend to specialise in science should be taught science as applied to everyday things. The bottles in the laboratory contained starch, wheat, rice, and other household commodities.

Chemical Principles Applied to Recipes.

"Part of the work is to analyse these," said Miss Carter. "Acids,

Afternoon Gowns.

SEEN AT A RECENT DRESS SHOW.

Afternoon frocks are entirely charming just now. A delightful little gown, shown at a recent dress show, was of green georgette plaid simply trimmed with a draped sash of the material and worn with a green felt hat. Brown check taffeta fashioned a successful coat-frock tied at one side; a green and gold tulle dress had "bunchy" draperies on the skirt.

Very charming was a frock of black crepe acropole; the long neck opening edged with a frilling of palest pink; a Chinese jade buckle at the waist-belt matching the handle of the black handbag carried. Red crepe acropole was used for another frock which had a two-tiered skirt and a large ruby clasp at the waist-belt.

Red and black chiffon made a lovely frock with draperies worn with a widebrimmed black straw hat, trimmed with tiny mirrors round the crown. Natural-looking small daisies on a black background formed the pattern on a printed crepe de Chine frock; a black crepe de Chine dress had touches of scarlet at the belt and in an amusing tab hanging from the left shoulder.

alkalies, and salts are studied so that future cooks may learn the basic principles of their recipes.

"Laundresses-to-be learn the constituents of soap, how to test their purity, the emulsification of oils, the effects and constituents of bleaching-powder, and other chemical facts likely to be useful. In physics all the girls are taught the principles of the gas-meter, elementary electrical knowledge, and the theories of, for instance, convection as applied to air-currents and ventilation.

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Needles & Pins.

SOME PRACTICAL INVENTIONS.

Most of us have experience of the maddening little boxes in which gramophone needles are usually to be found. Insert one's finger-tips ever so gently, and still the needles scatter themselves on table or carpet. A bright idea has been put into practice in gramophone needle containers which are pyramid shape. There is a tiny hole at the point of the pyramid and the needles are so packed that when the container is tipped into the palm of the hand, one needle only escapes.

Then the needlewoman will appreciate a pin container rather like a jack-in-the-box. The pins are neatly ranged inside; a slight pressure on the top of the container, and up shoots a pin with the head on top. Fumbling and pricked fingers become things of the past.

The short-sighted will bless packets of sewing needles in each one of which there is to be found a needle threader. It is a simple loop of wire into which the cotton is threaded. It is fine and so springy that the whole contraption is quite easily drawn through the eye of the finest needle.

less easy to see. But the measuring of angles trains the eye that must grow accustomed to folding materials accurately, and the drawing of parallelograms, cubes and circles is used as the basis of designs in braid or chain-stitch.

"Through studying a difficult subject from a practical angle, the girls go through the mental discipline of Euclid without the usual difficulties of angle ABC. It is obvious that mathematical exactitude is essential to a good designer or cutter."

CHINA UNDERWRITERS

FEATURES OF THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of China Underwriters, Ltd., for the period ended December 31st, 1927, states: Profit and loss account.—After placing \$95,725.70 to reserve to meet unexpired marine risks, \$32,727.76 to meet unexpired fire risks and \$5,258.21 to meet unexpired accident risks, a net amount of \$19,457.74 has been transferred to the credit of Profit and Loss Account in respect of the year's working, which amount together with \$49,681.48 (part of the sum of \$65,500 standing in last year's balance sheet to the credit of Premium on Shares Account) reduces the debit to Profit and Loss from \$116,382.46 to \$47,243.24. The balance of Premium on Shares Account of \$15,818.52 has been applied to write off the two items appearing in last year's balance sheet under the headings of preliminary expenses and underwriting commission.

Life Assurance Business.—Life assurance applications received during the year amounted to \$4,643,268. Life policies were issued for \$4,140,628 at annual premiums of \$233,767 and applications for \$227,920 were declined. The remainder were postponed or in course of consideration at the end of the year. The life premium income after deduction of reinsurance amounted to \$377,953.64. The sum of \$26,642.69 was written off Life Establishment Account which is thus reduced to \$236,006.36.

Directors.—In accordance with the Articles of Association, Messrs. Allan Cameron and Li Tse Fong retire, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. Since the last meeting Mr. C. B. Brooke was appointed an additional Director by the Board and in accordance with the Articles of Association, he also retires, and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, chartered accountants, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, incorporated accountants, who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Other Companies.

The annual report of the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd., for which Messrs. Arnold and Co., Ltd., are the local agents, shows that the total Premiums for the year from all departments, which do not include premiums of any of the Corporation's Associated Companies, are \$5,568,521 compared with \$5,178,128 last year, an increase of \$390,393. After making adequate reserves for the unexpired risks, and charging losses, expenses and commission there is transferred to the Profit and Loss Account a credit balance of \$343,505 which compares with \$241,619 in 1926. This favourable comparison is due to more profitable underwriting results in the United States Branch and the Fire Department.

The following figures are taken from the annual report of the Merchants' Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., for which Messrs. Arnold and Co., Ltd., are also local agents:

Marine Underwriting Account, 1926.—On the 31st December, 1927, this account showed a loss of \$36,998 4s. 3d.

Marine Underwriting Account, 1927.—The net premiums amount to \$396,295 1s. 1d., and the claims paid to \$127,172 9s. 6d. or 32.09 per cent.

Fire and General Account.—The premiums for the year, after deduction of Reinsurance, amounted to \$52,070 8s. 11d.

The losses paid and outstanding to the 31st December amounted to \$25,916 1s. 6d. After transferring \$10,000 to Profit and Loss Account the balance at the credit of the Account is \$26,544 12s. 4d.



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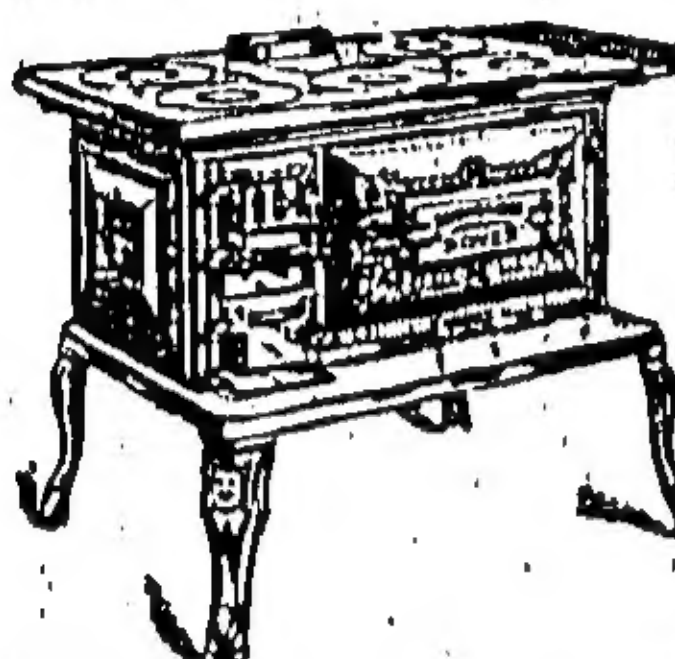
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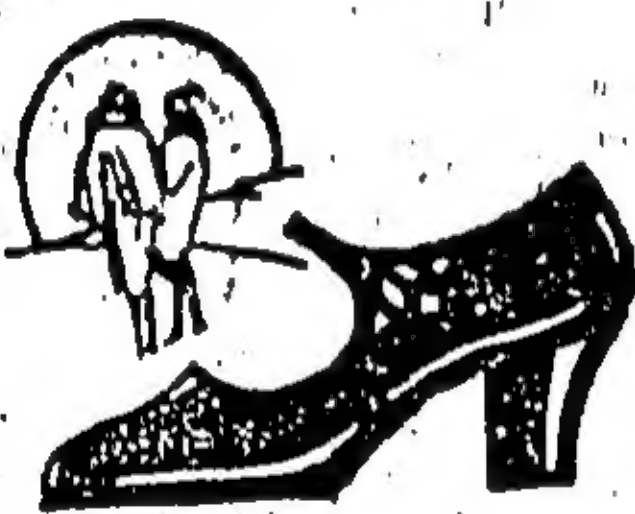


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FERRY OR TUNNEL?

The public was able to gather a comprehensive idea of the suggested vehicular ferry scheme from the extracts of the Chamber of Commerce annual report on the subject which we published yesterday. From time to time, there have been various hints as to the nature of the project, but the general community has not hitherto been given the detailed information made public yesterday. As to the need of some system being devised whereby vehicular traffic can be given convenient passage across the harbour, there can be no question. All too long has this Colony been behind the times in this regard. There is, happily, a consensus of opinion concerning the desirability of some scheme being taken in hand, but at the moment there would appear to be some divergence of viewpoint as to the best method to adopt.

Whilst the Government has investigated the subject to such an extent as to be able to communicate a skeleton plan of the proposal to the Chamber, it has not yet come to a decision on the point as to whether the scheme should be pushed on with. On paper, the vehicular ferry scheme appears quite sound and feasible. The estimated capital outlay is not unduly large for such an undertaking, whilst there is little doubt that it could eventually be made a paying proposition. The suggested ferries would be big craft, some 150 feet in length, capable of carrying twenty-five-seater cars or a proportionate number of lorries, as well as 250 third-class and 540 first-class passengers. Such boats would not doubt be able to handle all the traffic for which they are intended for very many years to come. The present method of transporting motor vehicles across the harbour is thoroughly out-of-date and inadequate to the Colony's needs. On Sundays, there is a thirty-minute service, whilst on weekdays the lighters are ordered as required. They can take across very few vehicles at a time, and, excellent as the service is within the limits possible under such a system, the trouble involved in making the necessary arrangements is so great that the facilities are not used to any marked extent. As the Chamber of Commerce rightly says, apart from the value of a vehicular ferry scheme in the transport of lorries, private cars would be transferred across the harbour in much larger numbers with the improved facilities offered.

Latterly, however, the vehicular ferry scheme has receded somewhat into the background as a result of the suggestions thrown out regarding the possibility of constructing a harbour tunnel. This project, like the other, is quite feasible, although its cost would naturally be much greater. Against that fact, however, must be placed the advantages of the tunnel over the ferry from the standpoint that it would help towards the solution of other local problems, such as bringing water mains and telegraph and telephone cables across the harbour.

We gave some particulars some little time back of the new tunnel constructed underneath the Hudson River, in the United States, and we now find in a publication sent us by the German Consulate General some details of a similar tube, on a smaller scale, which runs beneath the River Elbe. This latter is only about 1,470 feet in length, with twin tubes providing for one-way traffic and access to the entrances by means of big lifts. It took about four years to construct and cost in pre-war days something in the region of five million Hongkong dollars. As is the Hudson River tunnel, there are special roadways allotted for vehicles and pedestrians. We cite the existence of this tunnel to show that such schemes are quite workable. The cost, however, is an important point, and before any decision is reached locally as to the respective merits of a vehicular ferry or a tunnel, the Government would be performing a good service if it issued some comparative data of the two methods from the financial and other standpoints. In co-operation with the Chamber of Commerce it ought to be able to reach an early decision on this matter, which is one of very considerable importance to the Colony as a whole.

The Nationalist Note.

This serious developments in Shantung arising from the progress of the Nationalist Army could not have occurred at a more inopportune time than the present, when the fate of the Japanese Government hangs in the balance. The situation demands strong decisions and it is most unfortunate that the powers-that-be in Japan are faced with the prospect of a vote of non-confidence on Friday, particularly as it may be the policy adopted regarding Shantung which will sway matters one way or the other. Probably General Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, had this fully in mind when framing the vigorously worded note of protest against the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung. While its tone could not fairly be described as threatening, General Hwang Fu warns Japan that serious consequences may follow the Japanese attitude, and declares that the responsibility for any anti-Japanese incident would be difficult to determine. It is, however, necessary to remind the Nationalist Minister that in spite of the avowed policy of his Government in affording adequate protection to foreigners, less than a month ago the property of a British firm in Hsuehowfu was seized by Nationalist agents and sold. It is notable that it is almost invariably in Nationalist territory that offences against foreign interests are prevalent, and in the light of the past, one can understand Japan's desire to secure immunity for her nationals. It has been made quite clear that the Japanese measures have been taken merely for self-protection, and if Nationalist assurances prove unacceptable, it is because solid facts are difficult to controvert. The dangers may ultimately prove more apparent than real, but Shanghai demonstrates very conclusively that prevention is better than cure. There is, of course, this difference—that Shanghai is an International Settlement; but the further fact must be borne in mind that there are thousands of Japanese in Shantung. Japan does not propose to take sides in the dispute, and we cannot see that the presence of a few hundred Japanese soldiers will hamper the movements of the contending forces in any way. There is, however, cause for some apprehension, but we doubt whether Japan will be deterred from taking such precautionary measures as she thinks to be necessary.

DAY BY DAY.

THE BEST WHICH DOES US ALL GOOD AND ENABLES US TO DO OUR WORK WELL, IS THE REST OF THE HEART.—James Freeman Clarke.

Lord Gort, V.C., back from China, is now on military duty at Colchester.

The s.s. Solviken is leaving Tak-koo Dock this afternoon, on completion of overhaul.

The P. and O. s.s. Karmala from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 23rd April at 7.30 a.m.

The silk forwarded from here by the Empress of Asia on 28th March arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on 19th April, having been 22 days in transit.

From the German Consulate, Hongkong, we have received a copy of an extremely well-produced book dealing with the Port of Hamburg. Printed in English, with excellent illustrations and maps, it gives full details of the splendid shipping facilities at this great port.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 17 arrivals and 13 departures, leaving 64 vessels in harbour, of which 21 were British. British vessels recorded the best figures under arrivals and departures, at the same time monopolising the heaviest inward freights.

Major-General Sir John Duncan and Lady Duncan, Mr. F. G. Penny, M.P., and Mrs. Penny, Mr. E. T. Campbell, M.P., and Mrs. Campbell, Colonel John Ward, M.P., and Mrs. Ward, were among the guests of the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace at a largely attended afternoon party on March 21.

Among passengers due to sail for Home by s.s. Morea on April 28 are Sir J. Kemp, Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ralphs, Mr. and Mrs. W. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wicheh, Mrs. H. F. Crook, Mr. M. J. Green, and Inspector A. E. T. Brown.

For landing on Stonecutters Island without permission, a Chinese hawk, who went there on board the Army launch yesterday, was fined \$25 with the alternative of two weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning. The defendant was arrested by Private Gallagher, R. A.

The adjourned case against the coxswain of the motor boat Lee Tung, was heard before Commr. J. B. Newill at the Marine Court this morning, the defendant pleading guilty to obstruction of Queen's Pier. Defendant, who explained his absence from the previous hearing, was fined \$10 with the usual alternative.

The s.s. Koehow will resume her West River run this evening, after a month's lay up. She has been entirely refitted by the Kwong Pook Cheong Yard at Shamshuipo and equipped with excellent passenger accommodation in all classes, including running water in all staterooms. Captain Morgan retains the command.

The engagement is announced between Cecil Robert Eldridge, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge, of Ormonde-road, Branksome Park, Bournemouth, and Dorothy Mary, daughter of Lieut-Colonel R. L. Bouchier, R.A.P.C., and Mrs. Bouchier, of The Maples, Lillingdon-avenue, Leamington, Spa.

Many residents will hear with regret of the death of Mrs. Richardson, widow of Mr. Hedley Richardson, who was for many years superintendent engineer of the C.P.R. in Hongkong. The death occurred on March 22nd at the home of her daughter in Cardiff. The funeral took place at Caversham Cemetery, Reading, Mrs. Richardson's home town, on March 27th.

BACK FROM CANTON.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG'S RETURN.

After a visit to Canton extending over some days, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung and party returned to the Colony by the s.s. Fatsan last night. During their stay in Canton, Sir Robert and his wife received a very cordial reception by the Chinese authorities, the functions to which they were invited including a luncheon at Government House.

It is reported that Sir Robert discussed the financial position of Canton with the authorities, and one report makes mention of the possibility of Sir Robert arranging a substantial loan.

Sir Robert was loud in his praise of Marshal Li Chai-sun, who, he said, was everywhere regarded as a strong and capable official.

CORRESPONDENCE.

"Oh; Listen To The Band!"

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Through the medium of your columns, I should like to express my appreciation of the very fine concert given by the Queen's Regimental Band on the Cricket Ground last evening. The personnel of the Band are to be congratulated on the really excellent display. It was one of the very best musical entertainments I have ever listened to. The very large and enthusiastic audience which turned up at yesterday's performance and which heartily applauded at the conclusion of each of the different items on the programme demonstrated the great popularity of these open-air concerts.

If my memory serves me rightly, the band of the East Surrey used to hold open-air concerts in Kowloon at regular intervals—once a week, I think—in 1925. Those very enjoyable affairs were a great boon and proved immensely popular with the public, who used to flock out in large numbers to Chatham Road on the summer nights when the band was playing, to enjoy the fine music.

While we are about it, may I suggest that these weekly band concerts be revived during the coming summer? Goodness knows we have little enough in the way of amusement and diversion in this sleepy city. There are several regiments stationed here now, and if they could take it in turns to provide entertainment in the way of musical treats, they would be doing a great public service to the Colony, and their efforts, would, I feel sure, be highly appreciated by all classes of the community.—Yours for a Brighter Hongkong,

A.M.B.

Hongkong, Apr. 24th, 1928.

THE NEW H.A.L. MOTOR VESSELS.

FIVE FOR FAR EASTERN SERVICE.

Messrs. Jepsen and Co. inform us that they have received information from their principals, Messrs. Hamburg-Amerika Linie, Hamburg, to the effect that the present fleet of ships employed in the Far Eastern service will be enlarged by five new and modern motor ships—the Leverkusen, Duleburg, Burgenland, Kulmerland and Sauerland.

It is anticipated that all these ships will start their run between May and September.

These single-screw Diesel-motor ships will develop a speed of about 14 knots, having a gross tonnage of 7,300 tons and a capacity of 10,000 tons for cargo.

The ships have accommodation for 24 passengers who will be accommodated in 11 double-berth cabins and 2 single-berth cabin. The cabins are very comfortable and fitted with bedsteads and running water. All cabins are outside cabins.

A spacious dining room with smoking and ladies' room attached will guarantee a pleasant and comfortable voyage to all the passengers, who will have two spacious decks at their disposal.

The ships are especially constructed for the tropics trade. The loading and discharging arrangements on board are very modern, guaranteeing a quick despatch at all ports. The cubic capacity amounts to 550,000 cft. in bales. The lower hold No. 5 contains two tanks of 920 cbm. together for carrying oil in bulk. These tanks can also be used for general cargo. The ships have several strong parcel rooms.

The ships are fitted with 14 beams of five tons each, four of 10 tons and one beam of 40 tons for lifting heavy goods.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 23.	
Paris	124
New York	488.17/82
Brussels	34.96
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	92.45
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.18
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.25
Vienna	34.805
Prague	164.4
Helsingfors	194
Madrid	20.12
Lisbon	24
Athens	37.24
Rio	5.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.13/16
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Shanghai	2/6 1/2
Hongkong	1/11.15/32
Yokohama	2/6 1/2
Silver (spot)	28.7/16
Silver (forward)	28.3/16

—British Wireless.

The s.s. President Taft, arriving with 254 deck passengers from San Francisco and Shanghai, reports the death of one en route from tuberculosis.

The Very Idea!

A correspondent sends the following specimen of West African English:—

Dear Friend,—I had a joy amounting to ecstasy, like an Angel singing around the throne of heaven, when I saw you name and address in a magazine. I should like to keep correspondence with you. I would have sent you both of my photo and the view of my town, but I do not know if you will accept my request; because I wrote twenty correspondents none of these give me any reply. Therefore I have prepared many African things to give to anyone will reply me in haste. So kindly send me one wristlet-watch and postcards only, but you shall receive many things from me which you will remember me every blessed day. I remain, your new friend—

Film scenarios should be brief and concise. For instance, this is the summary of a tragedy:—

Algy met a bear.
The bear was bulgy.
The bulge was Algy.

A remarkable statement, which serves to illustrate the colossal ignorance of many people in regard to their own infirmities, was made during the hearing of a compensation case before the Arbitration Court at Dunedin recently. Dr. Hall, eye specialist, mentioned in the course of this evidence that it was quite common for patients who were totally blind in one eye to consult him without being previously aware of their defect.

Tottenham magistrate: Why did you hit him? Man: He was using bad language, and I thought I would close his mouth. The other man: He did; I could not speak for days.

Deserted wife to her husband at Willesden: If you come in the proper way with three knocks you can see the children, but not when you give one drunken dab.

Willesden magistrate to an offender: Like poor Humpty Dumpty, you had a bit of a fall, and it is for you to set yourself up again.

Mr. W. D. Luke, the Willesden magistrate: A carpenter sometimes develops into a builder, and then he either makes a fortune or lands in the bankruptcy court.

Some Howlers—Electricity is a current, and is measured in hampers.

Later pyramids were used in which to bury kings, these being of a tremendous size.

Perkin Warbeck hired a lot of ragged mufins to help him.

He has got an impediment in his feet, and walks with a stick.

The enterprising editor of the school magazine affixed his new contents poster to the notice-board. In bold lettering it read:—

CIRCULATION.
Last month—35.
This month—60.

(And some paid for, at that.)
No death insurance paid. We keep our readers alive.

The pearl, stated to be worth £500, which was lost by a player on Sunningdale ladies' golf course, was picked up the same night.

The finder, not knowing its value, showed it to her husband, and thought no more about it.

Her husband happened to be at Sunningdale and saw the notice referring to the loss. He told the secretary that he had the pearl at home, and telephoned in the evening that it was being returned to its owner.

We have ample evidence of a vast improvement in trade.—Sir Woodman Burbridge.

Building societies are a bulwark against the forces of Bolshevism.

Sir W. Joynson-Hicks.

The popular appreciation of the value of daylight is rising rapidly.

—Mr. P. J. Waldram.

The only real saving that counts most finds its way into new factories, houses, machinery, and ships.—Sir Josiah Stamp.

The House of Commons was very dull to-night, and I find Limehouse is very nice, interesting and lively.—Mr. Ramsay MacDonald.

THIRD ARREST.

RETURNED BANISHEE SENT TO PRISON.

Banished in 1921 for a period of ten years, and disregarding this order by returning in September of last year, a Chinese was committed to Victoria Gaol for six months. On completion of this sentence, the man was again deported, but he had secretly been away for two months when he again returned, and was arrested for the third time.

Charged before Mr. R. E. Lind-sol as an incorrigible offender, the man was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, with hard labour, this morning.

COLLEGE WITH FINE RECORD.

ST. STEPHEN'S REACHES ITS 25TH YEAR.

THE PAST AND FUTURE.

The laying of the foundation-stone of the new school by His Excellency the Governor at Stanley Peninsula, on Friday, will mark the completion of twenty-five years in the life of St. Stephen's College.

The founders of the school in 1903 were the late Sir Kai Ho Kai, Sir Boshan Wei Yuk, Hon. Mr. Chau Shu-ki, together with Dr. S. W. Tao, L.L.D., Mr. Lai Kwai-pui and other Chinese gentlemen, associated with the then Bishop of Victoria, Dr. Hoare and the late Archdeacon Banister.

The College Objects.

The object of the Foundation was to establish a school for Chinese boys on the lines of the famous English Public Schools. A special feature was to be the teaching of the Chinese Classics side by side with English subjects, so that the ancient culture and ideas of China should be included together with Public School ideals.

It was arranged that the Church Missionary Society, London, should supply a Warden and an Assistant Master, while the College Council should engage other British graduates and Chinese teachers to make up the staff. The College Council is an active body, which has recently held its one hundredth meeting.

The Officials.

The present Officials are as follows:

College Council:—Rt. Rev. Bishop Dunphy D.D., Chairman, Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock K.C., Dr. S. W. Tao L.L.D., Dr. J. H. Saunders M.D., Messrs. Mok Kong-sang, P. Lau, W. L. Pattenden, Li Hoi-tung, T. N. Chau, M.A., K. L. Chau, M.A., the three latter being Old Boys; B.O. Baker A.C.A. (Treasurer) and Rev. E. Martin, M.A. (Acting Warden).

Building Committee:—Chairman, Hon. Sir H. E. Pollock, K.C. Old Boys' Committee:—Chairman, Mr. Li Hoi-tung; Vice-Chairman, Messrs. T. N. Chau and Tang Shu-kin; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Li King-hong, B.A.

The first Warden of the College was Rev. E. J. Barnett M.A., afterwards Archdeacon of Hongkong. Archdeacon Barnett was Headmaster from 1903-1914. The present Warden, Rev. W. H. Hewitt, M.A., B.D., now on leave, has held office since 1915.

Teaching Staff.

Those at present teaching at the College include three graduates of Cambridge, one of Oxford, three of Hongkong University, three ladies, and three teachers of the Chinese Classics and Literature—namely, Mr. A. Ling Hung-ming, B.A., Chinese Headmaster, Rev. C. B. Shann, M.A., Mr. F. A. Britton, M.A., Rev. E. Martin, M.A., Mr. Tang Ying-lam, B.Sc., Rev. E. K. Quiek, M.A., Mr. Tam Cheung-huen, B.A., Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Shann, Miss Griffin; Mr. Li Hoi-tung, and Mr. Kwan Pak-kwai, Professor Lai Tsai-Hei, Hon. Master, is now the Honorary Adviser in Chinese studies.

From 1903 to 1924, the school occupied a well-known site and buildings at the junction of Western Street and Bonham Road, with two tennis courts and a small football field. A thirty-four-thousand-dollar Hall, with accommodation for boarders and staff, was added to the old building by the subscriptions of friends in 1908. In 1924, a move was made into temporary quarters, the old site, held on lease, having been taken over for building development.

Has 160 Students.

At present, the number of students is 160, of whom sixty are boarders at Pokfulam House. The school motor-bus carries the boarders and resident masters to and from Prospect Place, near the University, where the class-rooms are situated. The Science Laboratory is near St. Stephen's House. In the new School at Stanley, it is hoped to have increased boarding accommodation, while day-boys will have to travel by car or bus to school, a distance of 8½ miles, or half-an-hour's run, from the city.

Appeal to Public.

In closing this account of St. Stephen's College it should be mentioned that the school has been successfully carried on for twenty-five years without application for any Government grant and without any appeal to the general public for financial aid. Now, however, the Hongkong Government has generously granted a fine site of 24.21 acres at Stanley Peninsula and simultaneously an appeal to the public is necessary, to give the College new buildings and extensive playing-fields, so that it may develop on the lines laid down by its founders.—CONTRIBUTED.

SHANGHAI PARKS QUESTION.

DECISION TO ADMIT CHINESE.

SPEECHES AT MEETING OF RATEPAYERS.

CONTROVERSY ENDED.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.

Chinese will be admitted to the parks and open spaces of Shanghai beginning on June 1, it was decided by a majority vote at the annual meeting of ratepayers yesterday.

The decision of the ratepayers decides an issue which has long ranked with many Chinese of the Settlement and which, greatly misunderstood, has brought about unfavourable criticism of the Shanghai Municipal Council by outsiders.

"Dogs and Chinese."

The prohibition of Chinese to the parks and open spaces long ago gave rise to the old, much-discussed and wholly untruthful report that signs at the entrances to public parks stated that "Dogs and Chinese are not admitted."

Immediately after the decision had been reached at the ratepayers' meeting yesterday the greater portion of those present left the Town Hall, which indicates that the majority of those in attendance were greatly interested in the matter.

Mr. Fessenden, in moving the resolution, said, in part:—The principal argument and practically the only one of any importance advanced against the opening of the parks to the Chinese is the apprehension in some circles that the lower classes of Chinese would overrun the parks to the exclusion of foreigners and the better class of Chinese alike.

Adequate Measures.

You may rest assured that the Council has considered the question most carefully, and in the event you authorize the opening of the parks to Chinese will adopt adequate measures to prevent these apprehensions from becoming realities. After touching on various points, Mr. Fessenden continued:—Another and unfortunate factor in the situation is that we have been unjustly maligned and criticized abroad by what is sometimes called in newspaper circles "a bad press," and especially as regards the Park question.

While we need not attach undue importance to press criticism, on the other hand it is unwise to adopt an intolerant attitude or to regard ourselves as infallible where local questions are concerned.

Deep National Feeling.

We must all realize that in an international community like Shanghai conflicting claims which naturally arouse deep national feeling and especially on the part of the Chinese, are bound to arise with ever-increasing frequency. These claims cannot be arbitrarily ignored and dismissed. They must be met to some extent at least in the spirit of sympathetic understanding, compromise and adjustment, otherwise the community cannot continue its existence in that state of peace and mutual good-will which is so essential to its prosperity and progress.

The question of the parks is one of peculiar difficulty owing to the small area of the parks as against the great number of Chinese residents. The Council realizes that the admission of Chinese will, to some extent curtail the amenities of the parks but for the sake of the peace and prosperity of the Settlement the Council has no hesitation in appealing to you to make the sacrifice which the solution of this long standing difficulty involves.

The "Diehards."

Mr. Marden, speaking on the question, said, *inter alia*:—Unfortunately the world's Press does not do Shanghai justice. The world has been told that all we foreigners of Shanghai are Diehards—of the most virulent and bloodthirsty type; that we are all suffering from a chronic species of brain fever known as the Shanghai mind and that we spend our time deliberately insulting our Chinese friends, and our money on the upkeep of huge orchestras to which no one ever listens.

The fact of the exclusion of Chinese from our parks has caused us to be very severely criticised in many otherwise sympathetic quarters and the resolution now before us is considered by your Council to be of prime importance. With the abstract justice of the case there can be no two opinions—a large amount of money contributed by ratepayers as a whole is being spent or has been spent on something in which the majority of the ratepayers can have no

CURRENCY FOR THE OTHER WORLD.

CURIOUS NOTES PRODUCED IN COURT.

RECENT CANTON EDICT

A Chinese of the coolie type was fined \$2 at the Central Magistracy this morning for the possession of one hundred imitation bank-notes of the kind used for joss purposes. Mr. R. E. Lindsell who heard the case, expressed the view that steps should be taken to prevent the circulation of these notes, as it was not fair that people like the defendant should be charged with possession.

On the notes appeared the information, in English, that the "Ming Tung Bank" was issuing this paper "currency for the other world."

The notes are identical with those which were the subject of an edict issued by the Canton Government the other day, forbidding the manufacture and circulation of imitation joss-notes.

The grounds on which the Canton Government base the measure were that the notes were misleading to ignorant people, and were, in any case, undesirable in view of the enlightenment of the people and "the decay of the divine right."

OFFICE-BOY'S THEFT.

STOLE \$5 FROM EUROPEAN'S POCKET.

An office-boy employed at Tai-koo Dockyard was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, this morning, with stealing \$5 from Mr. P. S. McLay, Marine Superintendent of the Chinese Navigation Company. The defendant pleaded guilty, and said that he had lost money in gambling.

It was stated that defendant stole the money from Mr. McLay's coat which was left hanging in his office. The defendant had been employed there for four years.

His Worship inflicted a sentence of six weeks' hard labour.

part. Your Council wishes to remedy this.

One section of the population is asking to be admitted to pleasures already enjoyed by some and which are only made possible by the money of all. Your Council wishes to grant this simple request.

Hongkong Example.

Fears have been expressed that the large influx of Chinese visitors to the parks may render them of no value to either Chinese or foreigners. This has not been the case in Hongkong and I think, ladies and gentlemen, that we may trust our Council to enforce regulations that will prevent injury to our breathing spaces. We have trusted our Council with our lives and property more than once in recent years—may we not trust them now with some degree of our comfort?

You will observe that no date appears in the resolution and would suggest as an amendment that the words "from June 1, 1928" be inserted after the word "Chinese" and I am confident, Ladies and Gentlemen, that when you have passed it one of the principal arguments that have been used to belittle Shanghai in the eyes of the world will have disappeared for ever.

BIAS BAY PIRACY MENACE.

OUTSPOKEN SHANGHAI COMMENT.

CALL FOR ACTION BY CANTON GOVERNMENT.

PERMANENT EVIL?

Commenting on the Hsin Wah piracy, Shipping and Engineering (Shanghai) says:

Until fuller details of the affair arrive from Hongkong, it is difficult to comment on the actual piracy, though the question that naturally will arise in the mind of anyone is why did not the gunboat, once it was established that those fleeing from the ship were pirates, open fire before they had time to get clear of the shore? The gunboat arrived in Bias Bay actually before the pirates had left the ship, so that there could not have been much doubt as to who and what they were, and some well-directed gunfire might conceivably have completely prevented their getting away at all.

A Serious Menace.

The main fact that emerges, however, and one which has little or nothing to do with the details of the piracy, is that the Bias Bay gang, despite the lesson which they received from the L4 last October, still remain a serious power of evil and a menace to all shipping on the China Coast.

It has been urged, and urged again and again, that the only complete cure for the evil is the destruction of the pirates' nest in the Bias Bay district. If such a course had been adopted years ago, as soon as it was established definitely that the headquarters of the pirates was at Bias Bay, it is probable that the pirates' subsequent toll of China Coast vessels would largely, if not entirely, have been avoided.

But the Canton Government, under whose jurisdiction Bias Bay exists, nominally if not actually, has done nothing that would prove a real deterrent, and has consistently been against any action by any foreign Power which would tend to exterminate the pirates, on the grounds that such action would infringe China's "sovereign rights."

British Policy.

During the last eighteen months the British authorities have taken the stand that if a British vessel is pirated, punitive measures will be taken against the pirates, and this stand seems to have had an appreciable effect. The last three piracies have been on Chinese-owned ships, and it appears not improbable that the pirates now take the view that while it is far too dangerous to attack British ships in view of the precautions that are taken and the moral certainty of retribution, no such fear need be felt in regard to Chinese ships.

Canton's Inactivity.

The inactivity of the Chinese authorities at Canton during the last six years, has been nothing less than scandalous, for while they have made repeated promises of action, they have done nothing that really amounts to action. (Continued on Next Column.)

"RED" ATROCITIES EXTENDING.

MURDER, FIRE & PILLAGE NEAR SHANGHAI.

TOWN BURNED DOWN.

Kalling, Apr. 19.

The Communist disturbance in Kading is growing from bad to worse, as their activities have been extending to the Southern and Northern sections of the city.

The town of Woching has been entirely burned down by the Communists and several people ruthlessly killed.

The town of Lohlichia was visited by a group of Communists on board two steam-launches early in the morning of April 18. Anting, which is on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, is likely to be affected by the Communists' troubles in the immediate future.

An urgent telegram has been despatched by the Anting gentry to General Chien Ta-chung asking for troops to be sent at once to cope with the situation. Several police have recently been killed by the Communists at Lohlichia, where the trouble proves to be worst of all.

Despite the fact that four Communists were beheaded at the above place in public, the disturbance continues as before. The present situation at Kading, therefore, proves to be of a most critical nature.—K'ho Wen.

[Kading is only a few miles distant from the Shanghai International Settlement.]

HOME FOOTBALL.

RAITH SURPRISE GIVES THEM SAFETY.

Some of the matches played in the English and Scottish Leagues yesterday have a very interesting bearing on the relegation and promotion of the teams, the most notable being Raith Rovers' victory over Celtic in the Scottish League, which places the former in a safe position.

Bo'ness and Dunfermline will now return to the second Scottish League. Celtic, on the other hand, are deprived of the runners-up position which a win would have given them.

Walsall in the Southern Division improved their position although they are not absolutely safe from relegation.

The full results as cable by Reuter are as follows:

Division I.			
Sheffield U.	1	Newcastle	1
Division III (South).			
Brentford	2	Southend	2
Bristol R.	1	Brighton	0
Walsall	4	Luton	1
Division III (North).			
Darlington	3	Stockport	1
Halifax	1	New Brighton	1
Scottish League.			
Celtic	0	Raith R.	3

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What were bakins?
2. Who wrote the famous "Unfinished Symphony"?
3. What is mohair?
4. How do you say "Ho Jacot" in French?
5. What are frankincense and myrrh?
6. What is the difference between amphibious, ambiguous, and ambidextrous?
7. Name the characteristic soil of: (a) Thame; (b) the Peak district of England; (c) Snowdon; (d) London.
8. For what purpose is badger hair used?
9. Who is Dana in Celtic mythology?
10. What is plumbago?
11. From what does a crocus grow?
12. What is a dielet?

The last attack calls for no retribution on the part of the British or any other Navy, and the pirates may congratulate themselves that they have once more "got away with it."

It is certain that unless and until the Canton Government takes the necessary military action against the whole of the Bias Bay district, piracy on Chinese ships still may be practised with more or less impunity. But nothing seems calculated to arouse those at Canton from their apathy, and there appears to be no course left other than to accept the danger of piracy on the China Coast as a permanent evil, and the existence of the Bias Bay pirates as a permanent Chinese institution.

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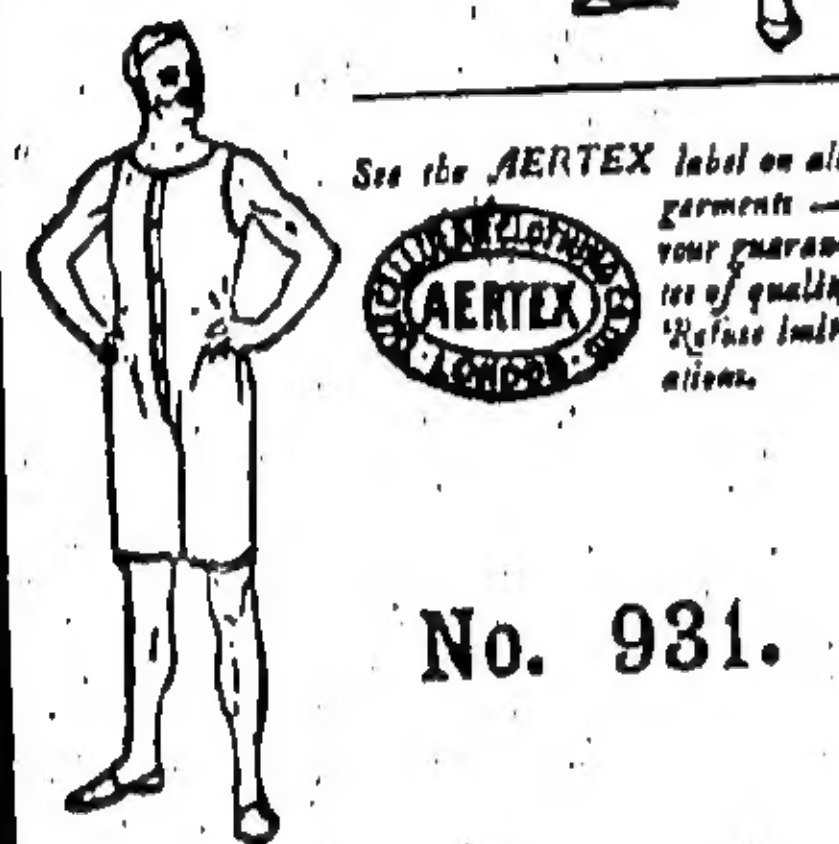


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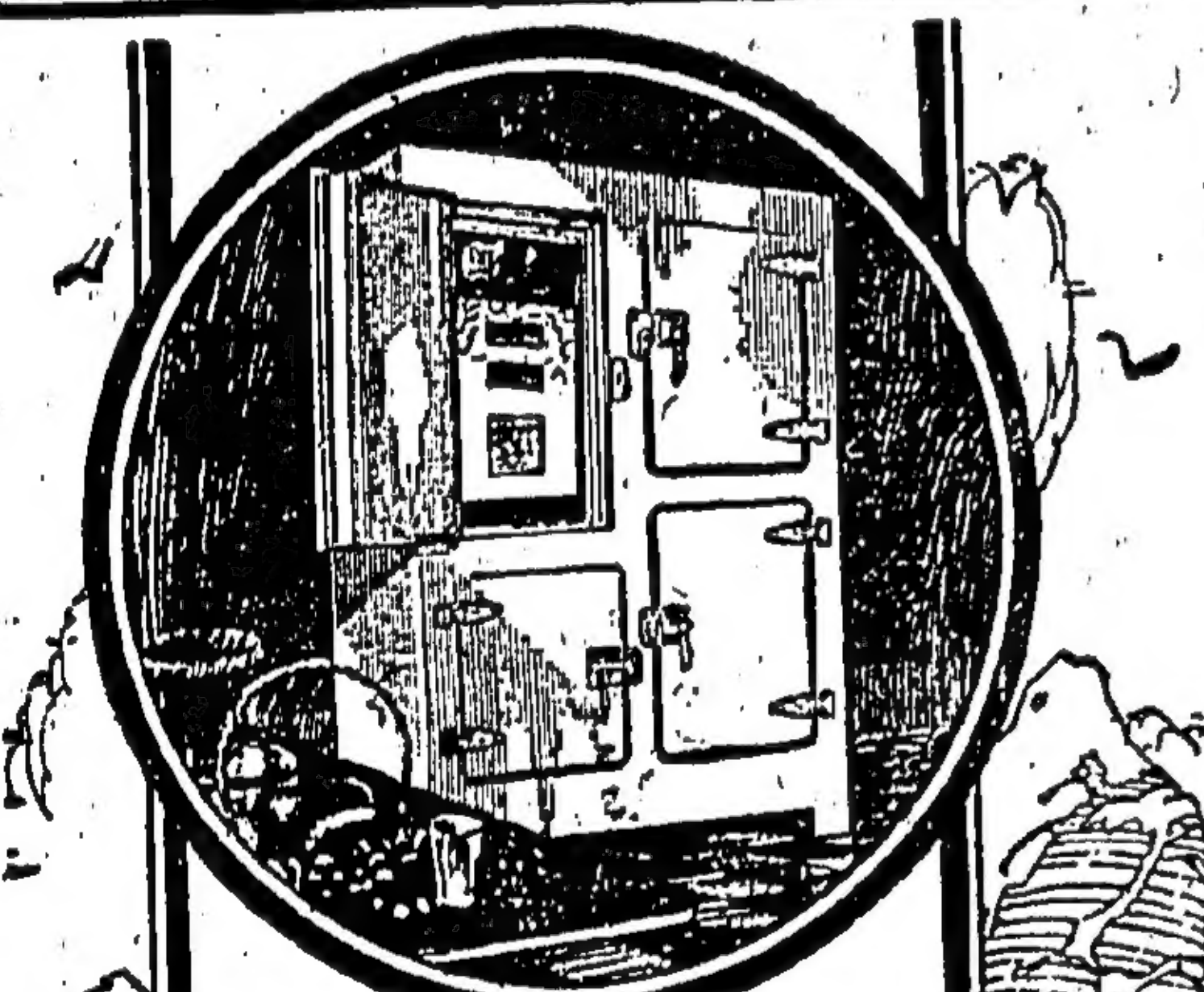
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FAMOUS BASEBALL TEAM.

TO PLAY HERE THIS EVENING.

The "Daimai" baseball team of Osaka, Japan, one of the best, if not the best, baseball combination in Japan arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. Aki Maru on its way to Manila to play a series of games against the best baseball teams of that city.

The Hongkong Baseball Association has arranged to play a game with the visitors this afternoon at 4 p.m. at the S.C.A.A. ground on Caroline Hill, and the line-up of the locals will be, as follows:—S. Hachiuma p; S. L. Lee c; Leonard as; Zafra 1b; Y. Hachiuma 3b; Muccio 2b (captain); Bautista 1f; Kusano cf; and Shim rf. Substitutes: Burrell and June.

The "Daimai" nine will be represented by the following:—Ono and Yuasa, pitchers; Ikawa and Amaki, catchers; Watanabe 1b; Yokozawa 2b; Utsuni 3b; Tanizawa ss; Daimon, Suai and Nakagawa, outfielders.

Ono, the famous twirler of Japan, will captain the team. Baseball fans are assured of a good exhibition game by the visitors and it is hoped that they will make it a point to watch the game this afternoon if only for the sake of witnessing the "Daimai" nine in action.

The "Daimai" are due to sail tomorrow morning by the same steamer by which they arrived here.

CITY & SUBURBAN.

ODDS AND WEIGHTS FOR BIG RACE.

The following are weights and prices of the various entries for the City and Suburban, which will be run at Epsom at 3 p.m. tomorrow, received by private cable advices from Home:

10-1 Hot Night	8	0
20-1 Sickle	8	9
100-7 Abbot's Speed	8	6
6-1 Johannann	8	5
100-6 Banstar	8	5
25-1 Priory Park	8	4
100-8 Knight of the Grail	8	3
33-1 Mascot	7	13
50-1 Chateau Fort	2	12
100-0 Volas Pride	7	12
60-1 Roldore	7	11
28-1 Sledmere	7	11
33-1 Saturn	7	10
100-0 Queen Bower	7	10
12-1 Mohawk	7	10
100-1 Peacemaker II	7	7
60-1 Caporal	7	5
10-1 Hossan	7	5
100-6 Lens Knight	7	4
50-1 Autocrat	7	4
25-1 Hunt the Slipper	7	3
33-1 Bonny Boy II	7	3
100-1 Frank Bare	7	2
60-1 Royal Falcon	7	2
25-1 Mr. Bliss	7	1
100-1 Star II	13	13
100-1 Trelawny	13	13
200-1 Jugo	13	12
200-1 Talup	12	12
60-1 Lavengro	12	12
50-1 Rathnally	12	12
60-1 Actuary	9	9
60-1 Parole	9	9
100-15 Lamplighter	8	2
20-1 Gifted	8	0
60-1 John Dixon	8	0
100-1 Lyra	8	0

LAWN TENNIS.

FINCHER TO MEET HONDA THIS AFTERNOON.

Owing to the St. George's Day arrangements there were no tennis matches played yesterday afternoon. The tournament will be resumed this afternoon when three interesting Open matches are down for decision.

In the Singles event the first semi-final game will be played on the stand court between E. C. Fincher and T. Honda. Two matches are due to be played in the Doubles competition both being in the third round. In the top bracket V. Sajiki and T. Isomura meet Major R. H. Lewis and Major W. B. Stevenson, the winners to play the Rumbold cousins in the semi-final.

Ng Sze-keung and Ng Sze-cheung oppose E. de Souza and A. V. Remedios and the successful pair will meet Hancock and Tottenham.

J. Barrow plays H. V. Parker in the Handicap Singles "B" while in the Doubles H. R. Phillips and C. C. Stark meet W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy.

There are two matches in the Mixed Doubles, both being semi-final games. H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. H. R. Remington will be in opposition to G. R. and Mrs. Sayer while Lieut. Col. F. J. Wyatt and Mrs. Wyatt meet S. E. Green and Miss L. G. Heard.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 28th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on April 28th:

DIVISION I.			
Aston Villa	v	Bolton.	
Bury	v	Cardiff.	
Leicester	v	Huddersfield.	

DIVISION II.			
Fulham	v	Reading.	
Hull	v	Notts County.	
Notts F.	v	Stoke.	

DIVISION III.			
Coventry	v	Norwich.	
Newport	v	Northampton.	
Bristol R.	v	Luton.	
Accrington	v	Stockport.	
Lincoln	v	Bradford.	
Wigan	v	Barrow.	

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No. 35. Date

Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played: No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

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Newport	v	Northampton.
Bristol R.	v	Luton.
Accrington	v	Stockport.
Lincoln	v	Bradford.
Wigan	v	Barrow.

SHANGHAI BOXING.

BRITISH SEAMAN KNOCKED OUT.

The main event in a boxing tournament at Shanghai last Thursday was a ten round bout between Jack Mahoney U.S.M.C., 143 lb. and Able Seaman Leeland, H.M.S. Aphis, 187 lb. The referee was Mr. Hertzberg and the Judges were Messrs. Bowline and Baldwin.

The contest lasted 40 seconds. Leeland went down to a left and right to the jaw, got up, only to go down again to another right to point. After a count of three he was up but staggering and went down the third time for a full count.

CHITS BORROWED FOR CASE.

INGENIOUS STORY BUT NOT CREDIBLE.

Two Chinese women were charged on remand before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with trespassing on the Government plantation at Kowloon City. The defendants who, yesterday produced two chits authorising them on the plantation, where they claimed they were working for the Government contractor, were remanded for further enquiries.

This morning Inspector Phillips informed his Worship that the defendants had refused to tell the Police where the contractor was and it was the belief of the Police that the two chits had been borrowed from friends, as they did not have them when arrested.

In reply to his Worship the defendants said that it was impossible for them to locate the contractor as he had gone elsewhere to work.

His Worship disbelieved the defendants and remarked that it was his belief that they had borrowed the chits from their friends.

Second Defendant: We women don't lie.

His Worship: Oh don't you? His Worship said that their story was very ingenious but not credible and fined each defendant \$10.

SOUND SIGNALS.

LOCAL WARNING TO SHIPPING.

The following Notice to Mariners (No. 22 of 1928), has been issued by the local authorities under date of to-day, relative to the use of sound signals:

Mariners and others are notified that the use of a prolonged blast for the purpose of giving warning of approach of other vessels is no longer authorised and renders the Master liable to a fine not exceeding 100 dollars.

Steam whistles may now only be used in accordance with the International Collision Regulations which are briefly as follows:

For Fog, etc.

A steam vessel having way upon her.—One prolonged blast at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.

A steam vessel having stopped.—Two prolonged blasts at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.

A steam vessel when towing or not under command.—One prolonged blast followed by 2 short blasts at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.

For Vessels in Sight of One Another.

Altering course to starboard.—One short blast.

Altering course to Port.—Two short blasts.

Going full speed astern.—Three short blasts.

Distress Signal.

A vessel in distress and requiring assistance may use the following signal (amongst others):—A continuous sounding with any fog signal apparatus.

FAREWELL TO U.S. CONSUL.

HAPPY GATHERING AT CANTON.

A very interesting gathering took place at the house of Mr. and Mrs. N. Hashim, Tungshan, Canton, on Sunday afternoon and evening, when a dinner of farewell to Mr. J. C. Huston (U.S. Consul) and a welcome to Mr. D. Jenkins (U.S. Consul General) was given jointly by Mr. and Mrs. N. Hashim and Mr. and Mrs. George Chu. Mr. Jenkins was unfortunately unable to be present but sent a representative from the Consulate.

Amongst the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Fung Hok, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jyon, Mr. and Mrs. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Wallcott, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Sandstrom, Mr. Douglas Jenkins, Mr. J. McKenna, Mr. J. Hinkle, Captain S. M. Enoch, Mr. B. B. Anthony, Mr. C. A. Larsen, Mr. C. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. N. Hashim, Mr. Parson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Charles, Mr. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Li Luk-cho, Mr. and Mrs. George Bon, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Wing, Mr. Pan Yan, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Chan, Mr. and Mrs. Wong Shu-sun, Mr. and Mrs. Cheung Wol-man, Mr. and Mrs. Chan Shu-wan, Mr. Chiu Pak, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lee, Mr. Leung Yat-wang, Mr. Leung King-cho, Mr. Wong Kwai-tze, Mr. and Mrs. Neary, Mr. Chan Cheung-kok, Mr. Chuk Pul-shing, Mr. and Mrs. Kanarke, Mr. and Mrs. Lookwood, and Mr. Chu Hoo-hin.

A number of happy speeches were made during the evening.

INGENIOUS TRICK ON WOMAN.

\$40 FOR A VACCINATION CERTIFICATE.

How, by means of an ingenious trick, a Chinese was enabled to defraud a woman from the country of a sum of \$40 was related in a case heard before Major C. Willson at the Central Police Court this morning.

Having accompanied a woman and her two sons from the country and lived in the same boarding-house with them, on arrival here, while awaiting a passage to go to Singapore where the woman was to rejoin her husband, the man was able to convince her that a passport was necessary, for the remainder of the trip. He got \$40 from her and went out, presumably to get the passport.

Returning some hours later, he informed the woman that the money had been paid over to the Passport Office, and he then handed over what appeared to the illiterate woman to be their passport. This, however, turned out to be nothing else than the man's own vaccination certificate!

The woman, of course, was not aware of the deception at the time she received the paper, but was later informed of the true nature of the document when she showed it to a folk in the boarding house.

Before the man who gave her the paper could make his escape, he was arrested by the police. He had only \$9.70 on him when searched, and told the police that the balance was left with a friend who was to keep it for him until he could rejoin him on board the steamer. The steamer had left before the police could get hold of this man.

Detective Sergeant Flaherty, prosecuting, asked the Court that a ratian basket and an umbrella, as well as some other articles, belonging to the defendant, be handed over to the woman as some measure of restitution for her loss.

An order to this effect was made by the Magistrate, who also sentenced the defendant to two months' hard labour.

POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. G. Wolfe, C.M.G., Capt. Superintendent of Police state:

Chinese Company.

All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at the Central Police Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp on Wednesday, April 25th; recruits for Squad Drill, and advanced men for Rifle Exercises and instruction in the care of Arms under Sergeant R. J. Hunt. Dress—Blue Uniform, Cap with white cover, Belt and Frog (no truncheon).

Indian Company.

Strength.—The following have enrolled in the Indian Company on April 20th:—Constables R.230 Hassan Din, R.210 Amir Bax. Squad Drill.—Recruits will parade at Central Police Station on Wednesday, April 25th, for for Squad Drill under Sergt. Hunt. Fall in at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hongkong section will take place on Thursday, April 26th. Fall in at Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress:—Khaki.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Revolver Practice will be carried out at the Kennedy Road Range on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 5 p.m. Dress:—Muff. Members will assemble on the Range with their own revolvers; no belts or pouches will be required.

Summer Uniform.

Members of the Chinese and Indian Companies are warned to get their summer uniform ready; those who are not in possession of same will apply to their respective Equipment Officer.

SHANGHAI CYCLISTS.

JOIN NATIONAL UNION OF ENGLAND.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.
The Cycle Race Committee of Shanghai has affiliated with the National Cyclists Union of England.—Renter.

A CORRECTION.

In the football scores for Division III (South) cable by Reuter and published in yesterday's issue, Northants was credited with a score of 6 to Watford's 0. This should have been Northants 6, Watford 0.

AMBITION RECEIVES SET-BACK.

WOULD BE CHAUFFEUR COMES TO GRIEF.

How a wish on the part of a Chinese youth to rise from the comparatively humble position of a motor-car tout and washer to that of a chauffeur met with early disaster, was indicated when a charge of driving without a licence against the youth came before the Police Court this morning.

While the town was asleep, and the streets clear of traffic dangers, the youth proceeded to put his ambitious project into effect. He surreptitiously took the car out from its garage at Tai Lung Street and endeavoured to drive it to Percival Street. But he had not proceeded far before disaster overtook him. The car crashed into a grocery shop. As a result, the car was badly damaged.

Its owner stated that repairs would cost \$70, while the grocer required more than double this sum to make good the damage caused to his goods.

The youth was fined \$10, or two weeks, for driving without a licence, while on the further charge of taking the car out without the permission of the owner, he was fined an additional \$25, with three more weeks to serve as the alternative.

GREAT AIR FILM.

WONDERFUL FLIGHT PICTURES IN "WINGS."

In its wonders of flight-photography, "Wings," the new Paramount film of air-fighting in the War, outdoes even the apparently exaggerated accounts that heralded its arrival at the Carlton Theatre recently, when it received a well-deserved welcome from a crowded audience.

Thanks to lavish outlay, enterprise and skill combined, together with the help of the American Government, it presents a pageant of flying-craft both before and during the War unlike anything we have had before. Moreover, there is a genuineness and sincerity of effort about it that altogether redeems the "War Hawks" travesty.

It purports to tell the adventures of two young American flight lieutenants in the war, and traces their career right from their hometown, through the training-camp to the French front, where they engage in every sort of manoeuvre.

They are at once rivals in love and friends in flight, and Miss Clara Bow intervenes as an American girl in love with one of them, whom she follows as a Red Cross ambulance driver. One of the two men is killed, crashing into a farmhouse on a stolen German plane with which he is trying to return to the Allied lines.

Realistic Fighting.

The actual fighting scenes are astonishing in their realism. We see planes crashing, spinning to earth in flames, and ramming one another. We see a Gotha—or what looks quite reasonably like a Gotha—brought down. We see the bombing of a French village by air-torpedoes and the firing of two observation balloons, with the escape of their occupants by parachutes.

It is all made the more effective not only by the "magnascope's" enlargement of the screen after the fashion of "Chang," but by a most clever sound-accompaniment. The persistent droning is interspersed with the screech of falling planes like the wailing of lost souls.

The acting of Charles Rogers and Richard Arlen as the two men is quite good and appealing, and Miss Clara is astonishingly sympathetic and free from her "vampish" tricks as the faithful ambulance-driver.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. Thick-soled high boots which lent height to the Athenian tragic actor. 2. Schubert. 3. Aurora gnat's hair, wren's. 4. Clit. 5. Aromatic gum resins. 6. Living both on land and water; double meaning; able to use both hands alike. 7. (a) Chalk; (b) limestone; (c) slate; (d) clay. 8. For manufacturing shaving brushes. 9. The mother of the gods. 10. Substrate used for lead pencils. 11. A tuberos food store called a corn. 12. A camp castron.

A Sanitary Department cools prosecuted another Chinese for assault at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, but Mr. Schofield held that both parties were equally to blame and bound them over for six months in a sum of \$50.

On a charge of stealing a wrist watch from her former mistress, a young Chinese woman was, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, bound over in a sum of \$100.



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NORTHERN CAMPAIGN

STAND BEING MADE AT
TAISHAN.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

The Shantung forces are reported to be concentrating at Taishan mountain and on the outskirts of Tainanfu to attempt to check the advance of the Nationalists before withdrawing across the Yellow River.—*Reuter.*

40,000 Stragglers.

Peking, Apr. 23.

Sun Chuan-fang is reported to be at Ningyang, north of Yen-chowfu, with 10,000 men. Chang Chung-chang is semi-officially reported to be at Chiehshow which is to the north of Tainan.

A foreign observer saw roughly 40,000 Shantung troops at Tainan on Saturday who had straggled back over roads and fields. Attempts were then being made to reorganise them at Tainan. Most of them had not been in contact with the enemy.

Wu Chun-sheng with several brigades of fresh Manchurian troops is expected in Tehchow this week to superintend the organisation of a defence line there.

Pan Fu left Peking for Shantung to-day on a special mission.—*Reuter.*

Feiching Taken.

Shanghai, Apr. 23.

A Nanking message states that the military council announce that the first and second armies are now conducting a joint offensive on Tainanfu. They claim that the right wing of the second army has captured Feiching and is closing in on Sinchwang.—*Reuter.*

A Lloyd's message from Alexandria reports that there was an outbreak of fire in the Empress of Scotland (Canadian Pacific Steamships, Ltd., 25,160 tons gross) at the end of last month. It was extinguished by the ship's staff, but the wireless-room and the operator's cabin were destroyed. Some of the deckwork was slightly damaged.

NIGHT BATTLE AT SEA.

DARKENED SHIPS' VIGIL.

TORPEDO ATTACK.

A dark night, no moon, a few stars, a few clouds, and a strong cold wind into which we steam head on. Altogether a night more reminiscent of the North Sea of ten or so years ago, than of the Mediterranean.

We are leading a line of four battleships, but not a glimmer of light can be seen in Warspite or in the ships astern. Just the dark dim shape of the next astern can be made out; otherwise all is blackness.

Warspite is at her old game, and she seems to know it. As she goes steadily on she brushes aside the short seas that are running, occasionally breaking one into spray which flies across her decks. Up to the bridge dim forms are seen with glasses, each steadily examining his appointed sector of the horizon.

Light is reported quietly and in the curious phrasology of the Navy, which directs instant attention to the desired point. Cursorily these are examined and ignored, for we know that our enemy carries no lights, and that they can be nothing but the ordinary traffic of the busy trade route upon which we are operating. Away to port, beyond the other line of battleships is a brilliantly lit liner, making for Gibraltar, steaming fast and gradually passing the Fleet. Little does she think that a few miles north of her is a squadron of great battleships, dark and grim, steaming steadily into the night, hoping to avoid, but ready to meet, its enemy the destroyer.

Out ahead of us is a scouting screen of destroyers, and we trust that they will give us timely warning of the enemy. This they do, for presently, a report comes in from mysterious sources. Viceroy, who is ten miles ahead, reports, "Enemy ship 000 1 mile." This at once gives warning that something is to be expected on the starboard bow, and the look-out is redoubled in that quarter. For some minutes nothing happens.

A pause of a quarter of an hour and it comes. Something is seen to starboard. The first searchlight beam reveals a destroyer moving at high speed, followed by two others just turning to fire their torpedoes. Three more show up as the guns open fire. A short order from the Admiral, and immediately the four great ships turn as one 30 degrees to port to avoid the torpedoes. The destroyers come under the fire of four tremendous batteries of 15in. and 6in. guns, but the leading boats probably had time to fire their torpedoes before they were blinded by searchlights, and would have been blown out of the water.

Both sides will claim a victory. That always happens, in these night actions, which usually develop along the same lines. It must not be forgotten that this night work is always attended with an element of danger; the ordinary danger of the sea, with many ships moving at high speed at night without lights—that has to be accepted. It is a case of ex-

IN TROUBLE AGAIN.

EX-KAISER'S BROTHER-IN-
LAW ARRESTED.

Brussels, Apr. 23.

M. Zoubkoff has been arrested at Arlon owing to his passport being irregular.—*Reuter.*

[A message from Berlin dated March 15 stated that the ex-Kaiser's brother-in-law, the Russian, M. Zoubkoff, an ex-bottlevasher, aged 28, who married the Princess Victoria of Schaumburg-Lippe, aged 63, in November last year, and been expelled from the country as a man "without nationality or occupation." Zoubkoff has, it is stated, repeatedly failed to renew his residence permit. The Princess, who lost her nationality by her marriage, is not included in the expulsion and remains at Bonn. He left Germany and was believed to have gone to the Congo, where he is said to have relatives.]

Viceroy is evidently watching her enemy as a cat watches a mouse.

Blown Out of Water.

But not for long. Suddenly searchlights and star shell flash into the sky. An enemy cruiser and destroyer are made out under the lights—they are too far off to do us any harm, so we do nothing and pass darkly on.

We are not, however, to be let off. A few minutes later a destroyer, who has evidently broken through the screen unseen, is sighted on the port bow coming down between the lines of the Fleet so close as to force both divisions to use searchlights and open fire. She stands out as a grey streak, a splendid target and must be blown out of the water. Two minutes with all guns upon her is enough. A cryptic remark from our Captain, "That one's dead. Switch off," puts us again in total darkness.

But she has fulfilled her mission, for by forcing us to use searchlights she has exposed the position of the battle fleet to her consort, lurking in the darkness somewhere ahead, ready to pounce. The cruiser, as soon as she becomes aware that heavy ships are about, covers herself with a smoke screen and disappears. All is now darkness again, but everyone is on a "split yarn," awaiting the attack from which we know there can now be no escape.

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ATLANTIC FLIGHT.

THE BREMEN AT GREENLY ISLAND.

Murray Bay, Apr. 23.
Colonel Fitzmaurice and two pilots, with mechanics, spares and fuel for the Transatlantic plane "Bremen" have left Murray Bay for Greenly Island.—*Reuter.*

Another Solo Flight.

London, Apr. 23.
Wing Commander E. R. Manning has departed from Lympne in a thirty-five horsepower monoplane on a solo flight to Australia, following Captain Hinkler's route.—*Reuter.*
[Wing Commander Edye Rolleston Manning, D.S.O., is a native of Sydney, N.S.W., the son of the late Mr. William Alexander Manning, a solicitor of that city. He served during the war as second lieutenant in the 15th Hussars in France and Belgium, and was transferred to the flying corps in 1915 and later saw service in Iraq and Kurdistan.]

25,000-MILE FLIGHT.

ATTEMPT TO ROUND CAPE HORN.

Fresno, Apr. 17.
Accompanied by three companions, Jimmy Angel, Californian aviator, left here to-day on a 25,000 mile flight around Cape Horn. The aviators will fly down the west coast of South America, and up the east coast. Their first stop will be in Mexico.

Mexicali, Apr. 19.
Jimmy Angel, who left Fresno, Cal., two days ago on a flight around Cape Horn, has paused here. He is having trouble with Mexican Customs officials and is ill with influenza. He will attempt to resume his flight to-morrow.

Experts in attack against experts in defence, each knowing the mentality of the other and recognising a worthy opponent. In fact, on these occasions Greek meets Greek, and the result is the high state of efficiency which has been reached at night without lights—that has to be accepted. It is a case of ex-

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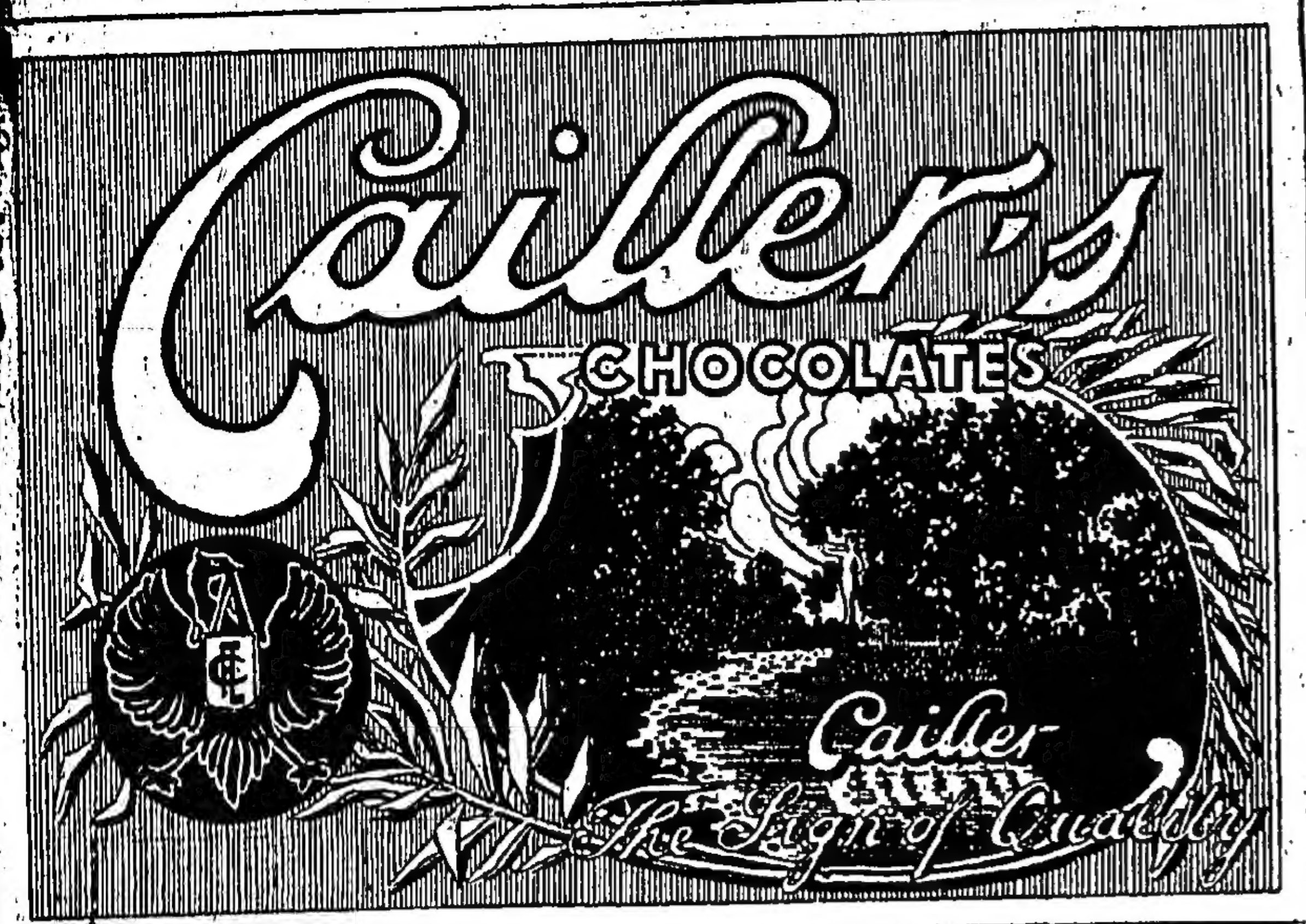
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SIGNIFICANT DECISION OF
SUPREME COURT.

Berlin, Mar. 28.
A Prussian police officer named Baum has been suspended owing to the discovery of a machine-gun in his house. Only a few months ago, on the anniversary of the German Republic, this man flew the Imperial Black, White, and Red flag. Republican police are asking whether the police major is in league with Monarchist circles, and, if so, what is their latest plot and when the next "putsch" will occur.

That Monarchism does not lack support here is made clear by a decision of the Supreme Court over a suit in which Herr Jagow, one of the leaders of the Kapp "putsch" of 1921, put forward an audacious claim.

Jagow was at one time Police President of Berlin and later Minister for the Interior in the short-lived reactionary regime; subsequently he was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. After he had served his sentence he put in a claim for his pension since 1922.

In 1926 the Court decided against him. He then appealed in the Supreme Court of the Reich. Notwithstanding the clause stating that an official who has undergone over one year's imprisonment forfeits his post and pension, the Supreme Court decided in his favour. Prussia has now to pay his pension from January, 1922, and the costs of the lawsuit.

DEFENCE IN VERSE.

FRENCH COURT STARTLED
BY NOVEL METHOD.

Paris, Mar. 20.
The gambols of a spring poet, M. Dutel, who hung up satiric verses of his own composition on landlords in general and his own in particular, led to his appearance in court. After the charge had been read, M. Dutel stood up and opened his defence. The court began to titter, the judge leant back in startled surprise, for M. Dutel was speaking in verse. He was nevertheless permitted to continue, and when he finished, a burst of applause followed, which the judge made no effort to suppress.

Though his desire was to be free, M. Dutel did not speak in free verse, but in the classic hexameter. "Barbarous experiment, barbarous hexameters, the critic might be moved to murmur with Tennyson, but M. Figuirol, the indignant landlord, was so im-

OUR DAILY TALK
ON HEALTH.

ANEMIA RESPONDS TO DIET
AS CURE.

SUGAR TO BE AVOIDED.

BY DR. MORRIS FISHBEIN.
Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine.

Now that it has been so well established that deficiencies of blood, such as are brought about by bleeding, or wasting diseases, may be influenced to a certain extent by changes in the diet, physicians and dietitians are giving special attention to means of control of this disorder.

It must be recognized that the deficiencies of the blood may be either in the hemoglobin material, which is responsible for carrying oxygen, or in the actual number of red blood cells.

What Foods Are Valuable.

Investigations made on animals have shown that feeding with beef liver, beef heart and skeletal muscles helps the production of both hemoglobin and red blood cells, and that the use of iron in the form of various iron preparations has the same effect.

Liver and beef heart will produce a maximum of hemoglobin whereas such foods as bread, cracker-meal, rice and potatoes give minimal amounts.

Among other foods which have been found to be of special value are lamb kidneys, red meat; fresh vegetables, particularly lettuce; fresh fruits, preferably peaches, raisins, strawberries, oranges and grapefruit and eggs.

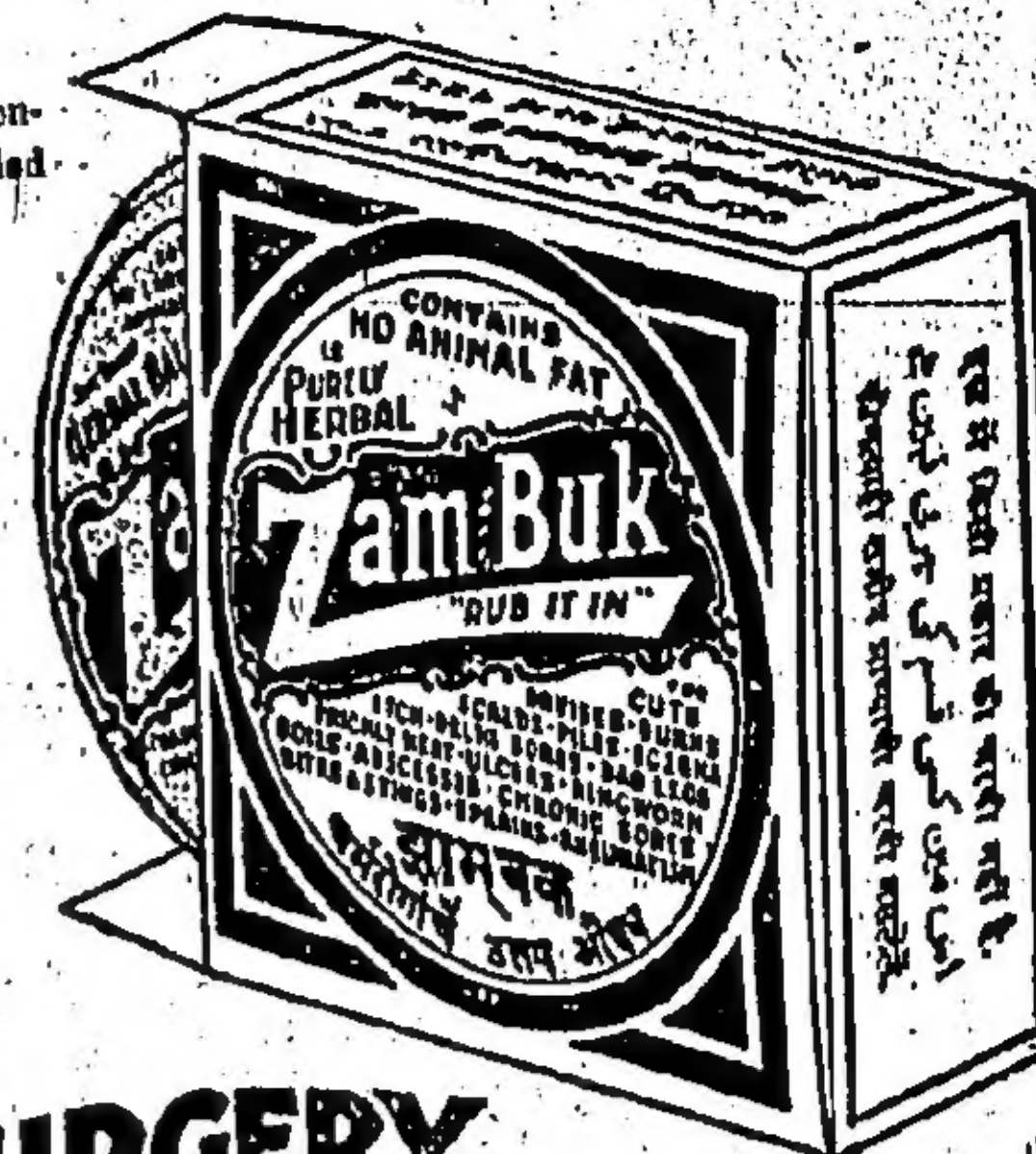
Sugar to be Avoided.

It is recommended that in the consuming of these diets the amount of liver and allied foods be forced, whereas excess of salt, sugars, cake, hot breads and pastries should in general be avoided. The amount of liver taken is equivalent to two large servings daily.

In one case of pernicious anemia in which the hemoglobin had fallen so low that the patient appeared to have little if any red coloring whatever and in which the blood cells had fallen from a normal state of 5,000,000 to less than 1,200,000 per cubic millimeter, the administration of this diet over a period of four months resulted in sufficient recovery to permit the girl to return to her occupation.

He pressed that he asked for the case to be adjourned till he could make a suitable reply. His attorney has now purchased a rhyming dictionary and Boileau's "Art of Poetry," it is said, in preparation for his ordeal by verse.

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CHAPTER XVIII.

Four girls, two of them thin to emaciation, one over-fat, the fourth as beautifully shaped as a Greek statue, trailed dispiritedly into the dress tent, their hands groping to unfasten the snaps of their soiled silk chorus-girl costumes.

Their heavily rouged and powdered faces were drawn with fatigue; their eyes like burnt holes in once-gray blankets. Sally had watched them dance, enviously, between her own performances, had heard the crier ballyhooing them as: "Bybee's Follies Girls, straight from Broadway and on their way back to join their pals in Ziegfeld's Follies."

Now, weary unto death after 18 performances, the "Follies" girls shuffled on aching feet to their coats and seated themselves with groans and dispirited curses, paying not the faintest attention to the tense tableau presented by Nita, the "Hula" dancer, and the girl they knew as "Princess Lalla."

Sally's frightened eyes fluttered from one to another of that bedraggled, pathetic quartette, but she might as well have appealed to the gaudily painted banners that fluttered over the deserted booths outside.

"What do you want, Nita?" she whispered, moistening her dry lips and twisting her little brown-painted hands together.

"I'll tell you fast enough!" Nita snarled, thrusting her face close to Sally's. "I want you to give that sheik of yours the gate—get me? Ditch him, shake him, and I don't mean maybe!"

For the third time that day Sally was having David Nash, the only friend she had ever made outside the orphanage, thrown into her face as a sweetheart or worse. Winfield Bybee's casual words to his wife—"Can't you see she's clear gone on that Dave chap of hers?"—had made her heart beat fast with a queer, suffocating kind of pleasure, a pleasure she had never before experienced in her life. Those words had somehow initiated her into young ladyhood, fraught with strange, lovely privileges, among them the right to be "clear gone" on a man—a man like David! The midget's "your David" and "Of course you're in love with him, and he's crazy about you—a blind person could see that," had sent her heart soaring to heaven, like a toy balloon accidentally released from a child's clutch.

But Nita's "that sheik of yours," Nita's venomously spat command, shake him, aroused in her a sudden blind fury, a fury as intense as Nita's.

"I'll do no such thing! David's mine, as long as he wants to be! You have no right to dictate to me!"

"Is that so?" Nita straightened, hands digging into her hips, a tone of her rugged, badly curled blond head emphasizing her sarcasm. "Is that so? Maybe you'll think I had some right when the cops tap you on the shoulder tomorrow! Too bad you and your David can't share a suite in the county jail together!"

"You'd—you'd do that—to David, too?" Sally whispered over cold lips.

"I thought that'd get under your skin!" Nita laughed harshly. Then, as though the interview was successfully concluded, from her standpoint, the red-painted nails of her claw-like hands began to pick at the fastenings of her grass skirt. Sally was turning away blindly, feeling like a snail, trapped animal, when a tiny, shrill voice came from the midget's cot:

"I heard every word you said, Nita! I think you must have gone crazy. The heat affects some like this, but I never saw it strike a carnival troupier quite so bad."

"You shut up, you little double-crossing runt!" Nita whirled toward the midget's bed.

"I may be a runt," the midget's voice shrilled, "but I'm in full possession of my faculties. And when I tell Winfield Bybee the threats you've made against this poor child, you'll find yourself stranded in Stanton without even a grass skirt to earn a living with. And if the carnival grapevine is still working,



They called him "the sheik of the privilege car."

you'll find that no other show in the country will take you on. It will be back to the hash joints for you, Nita, and I for one think the carnival will be a neater, sweeter place without you. Get your make-up off and get into bed, Sally. And don't worry. Nita wouldn't have dared try to bluff a real troupier like that."

"For Gawd's sake, are you all going to jaw all night?" a weary voice, with a flat, southern drawl demanded indignantly. "I've got some important sleeping to do, if I'm going to show tomorrow. Gawd, I'm so tired my bones are cracking wide open!"

"Shut up yourself!" Nita snarled, slouching down upon the camp stool beside her trunk, to remove her make-up. "You hoofers don't know what tired means. If you had to jolly all day like I do—Oh, Gawd! what a life! What a life! You're right, midget! It sure gets you—18 shows a day and this hell-fired heat."

It was Nita's surrender, or at least her pretended surrender, to the law of the carnival—live and let live; ask no questions and answer none.

In the thick silence that followed Sally tremblingly seated herself before her trunk and smeared her neck, face, arms and hands with theatrical cold cream. She was conscious that other weary girls drifted in—the girl nobody can lift, the albino girl, whose pink eyes were shaded with big blue goggles; the two diving girls; looking as if their diet of soda pop and bananas eaten under water did not agree with them. But she was aware of them rather than saw them. Stray bits of their conversation forced through her own conflicting thoughts and emotions—

"Where's my rabbit foot? Gawd, I've lost my rabbit foot! That means a run of bad luck, sure—"

"Good pickings! If this keeps up I'll be able to grab my cakes in the privilege car—sold 58 post-cards today—"

"Whaddya know? Gus the crier's fell something fierce for the new kid. 'N they say Pop Bybee's got her on percentage, as well as 12 bucks per and cakes. Some guys has all the luck—"

"Who's the sheik in the privilege car? Don't look like no K. P. to me. Boy howdy! Hear you already staked your claim, Nita. Who is he? Millionaire's son gettin' an eye-ful of life in raw?"

She knew that Nita did not answer, at least not in words. Gradually talk died down; weary bodies stretched their aching length upon hard, sagging cots. Someone turned out the sputtering gas jet that had ineffectually illuminated the dress tent. Groans subsided into snores or whistling, adonoidal breathing. A sudden breeze tugged at the loose sides of the tent, slapping the canvas loudly against the wooden stakes that held it down.

Although she was so tired that her muscles quivered and jerked spasmodically, Sally found that she could not sleep. As if her mind were a motion-picture screen, the events of the day marched past, in very bad sequence, like an unasssembled film. She saw her own small figure sitting across the screen,

fantastically clad in purple satin trousers and green jacket, her face and arms brown as an Indian's, her eyes shielded by a little black lace veil. Crowds of farmers, their wives, their children; small-town business men, their wives and giggling daughters and goggle-eyed sons, avid for a glimpse of the naughtiness which the crier promised behind the tent flap of the "girlie show," pressed in upon her, receded, pressed again, thrust out quarters, demanded magic visions of her—

David, his eyes streaming with onion tears, smiling at her. David reading that dreadful newspaper story—David of yesterday, saying, "Dear little Sally!" pressing her against him for a blessed minute—

And Nita, her eyes rabid with sudden, ugly passion—passion for David—Nita threatening her, threatening David—

David, David! The movie stopped with a jerk, then resolved itself into an enormous "close-up" of David Nash, his eyes smiling into hers, with infinite gentleness and tenderness.

"Does he think I'm just a little girl, too young to—to be in love or to be loved?" she asked herself, audacious in the dark. "If—if he was at all in love with me—but oh, he couldn't be!—would he be so friendly and easy with me? Wouldn't he be embarrassed, and bluish, and—things like that? Oh, I'm just being silly! He doesn't think of me at all except as a little girl who's in trouble. A girl alone, as he calls me."

Then a new memory banished even the "close-up" of David on the screen of her mind—a memory called up by those words—"girl alone." She felt that she ought to weep with shame and contrition because she had so long half-forgotten Mrs. Bybee's promise to make inquiries about her mother—the mother who had given her to the orphanage 12 years before, leaving behind her only a meager record—"Mrs. Nora Ford, aged 28."

So little in those words with which to conjure up a mother! She would be 40 now, if—if she were still alive! Suddenly all her 12 years of orphanhood, of longing for a mother, even for a mother who would desert her child and go away without a word, rushed over Sally like an avalanche of bruising stones. Every heart she had sustained during all those 12 motherless years throbbing with fresh violence; drew hard tears that dripped upon the lumpy cotton pillow beneath her tossing head.

When the paroxysm of weeping had somewhat subsided she crept out of her cot and knelt beside it and prayed.

Then she crept back into bed, unconscious that the midget was still awake and had seen her dimly in the darkness. Strangely frog of her burdens, Sally lay for a long time before sleep claimed her, trying to remember all the instructions about crystal-gazing that Mrs. Bybee had heaped upon her. And in her childish conscience there was no twinge of remorse that she was to go on the next day, deceiving the public, as "Princess Lalla, favourite crystal gazer of the Sultan of Turkey."

(To Be Continued.)

THE TEAPOT DOME OIL SCANDAL.

HISTORY OF REMARKABLE CASE.

Mr. Harry Sinclair, the oil magnate, has been acquitted on the charges brought against him in connexion with the Teapot Dome Oil scandal.

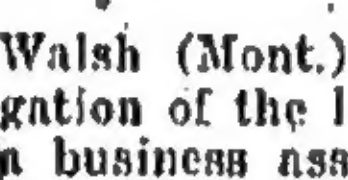
The history of the case since the beginning makes very interesting reading, and it is given below with pictures of many of the leading actors in the affair.

In 1921, the late Colonel A. E. Humphreys of Texas had 33,333,333 barrels of oil which he agreed to sell at \$1.50 a barrel to H. M. Blackmer of the Midwest Refining Co. Later the now-extinct Continental Trading Co. of Canada was organized and took over this contract.

The Continental Co. immediately sold the oil to Harry F. Sinclair and Robert W. Stewart of the Standard Oil of Indiana at \$1.75 a barrel. Stewart and Sinclair guaranteeing the Continental contract to the extent of \$50,000,000.

Meanwhile the naval oil reserve of Teapot Dome had been leased to Sinclair by Albert Fall, then secretary of the interior.

Shortly after a Senate committee under the leadership of Senator



Harry Sinclair

Walsh (Mont.) began its investigation of the lease, Blackmer and a business associate, James E. O'Neill, fled to Europe and have refused to return to testify.

The profits of the Continental Co. were estimated at about \$3,000,000, most of which was converted into Liberty Bonds. Finally after quires and

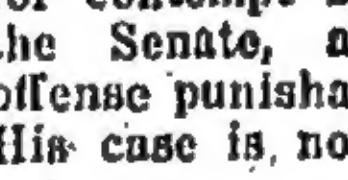


Albert R. Fall

protracted in the passage of a law which granted him immunity from prosecution, M. T. Everhart testified that Fall, his father-in-law, received \$233,000 in Continental bonds from Sinclair.

After dodging Senate subpoena servers for a long time, Stewart finally returned from a Cuban vacation the Senate committee, at the insistence of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. He refused to answer whether he knew what disposition had been made of the Continental bonds. He was promptly cited for contempt by the Senate, an offense punishable by a jail term.

His case is now pending in the courts on a writ of habeas corpus. The charge wherein Mr. Sinclair is now acquitted was a conspiring with the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Fall, to defraud the United States Government in 1922 in connexion with the lease of the Teapot Dome oil reserve which belonged to the government. The lease was cancelled in October, 1927, on the grounds of fraud and corruption. Sinclair is still faced with the proceedings for contempt.



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London, Apr. 7. One thousand men and women the former wearing white shirts and trousers and the latter white dresses, were baptised by total immersion in a huge tank before a large crowd in Albert Hall, converts to the Elim Four Square Gospel Alliance, which is the culmination of a great whirlwind revivalist campaign by "Prinpal" Joffrey, who stood waist-deep in the water.

NUMEROUS TRAFFIC ASSES.

THIRTY SUMMONSES DEALT WITH TO-DAY.

There was a long list of cases heard by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning, when the Traffic Department brought no fewer than thirty summonses against public drivers for various offences.

The offences were mainly in the nature of obstruction and loitering, for which fines ranging from \$5 to \$10 were imposed.

A few drivers were penalised for negligent driving, speeding and for having inefficient brakes on their cars. One chauffeur, with several convictions against him, was fined \$25 for negligent driving in Garden Road.

Man Injured.

In one case, Inspector Alexander, prosecuting, said a public car knocked down a man near the pumping station in Pokfulam Road. The injured man is now in hospital with a broken leg and it will be about three weeks before he will be discharged.

The Magistrate remanded the defendant for a week, in order to be in a better position by that time to arrange the matter of compensation.

Happy Valley Congestion.

Attention was drawn to the congestion on Wong Nei Chung Road during days when big football matches are played. Public cars are drawn up in large numbers outside the Hongkong Football Club, blocking the complete footpath.

One of the offenders was brought before the Magistrate this morning and fined \$5.

Absent Defendant.

The Chinese driver of car No. 422, who was summoned for negligent driving in Queen's Road East on April 6, failed to make an appearance. Addressing his Worship in regard to this chauffeur, Inspector Alexander said:—Mrs. White is the complainant in this case, but I understand that the driver is absent. I don't know if your Worship can adjourn the case for a week so that I can get hold of the driver.

His Worship granted the necessary adjournment.

EMPIRE CONTROLLED BY "FLAPPERS."

LLOYD GEORGE'S LATEST ATTACK.

London, Apr. 8. A characteristic attack on Government was made by the Liberal leader, Mr. Lloyd George, in a speech at the National Liberal Club.

The ex-Premier compared Mr. Baldwin with a ticket-collector who had wandered into a signal-box at a most important junction in the country and was pulling levers unknowingly.

The result of his pulling one lever, namely, the Equal Franchise Bill, had produced a curious phenomenon and a strange epidemic among Conservative members. Referring to the fact that many Conservative M.P.s had abstained from voting on the Bill, he declared that about 200 M.P.s had been stricken in a single night, like the army of Sennacherib, while two or three million women had walked off with the British Empire.

But it was much safer in their hands than in the hands of the present custodians: "I would rather have 3,000,000 'flappers' than one Baldwin," said Mr. Lloyd George.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

LAST EVENING'S BAND CONCERT.

Seventy-four men, comprising the Band and Drums of the 1st Battalion, the Queen's Royal Regiment, lined up on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, presented a most impressive spectacle yesterday evening when as part of the programme of St. George's Day celebrations, a number of musical items were rendered.

The appearance before the public of a military band, especially a combination of the Band and Drums, is a sight not commonly seen in Hongkong and such musical treats always attracted the interest of the public. The large and enthusiastic crowd which assembled at the ground, utilising the tennis stand for seating accommodation, only added to the impressiveness of the scene. Not only was the stand packed to its utmost capacity but crowds gathered round the fence and stood inside the ground.

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi and Lady Clementi, accompanied by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A. D. C., and the Misses Clementi and Master Clementi were interested spectators, as was also His Excellency Major General C. C. Luard General Officer Commanding.

The programme presented by the Band and Drums contained great variety and at the conclusion of each item the band was vociferously applauded. The Aldershot March made an appropriate opening piece to a well-balanced programme. The Drums followed with "I wonder how I look when I'm asleep" (song) and "Moon of the Mountains" (march). After the rendering of "Charmaine" by the band and "Song at Twilight (The Risings)" by the combination, twenty-four buglers marched to the front of the band and sounded the Retreat, which was followed by "I paused by your window" (the Risings).

"Hallelujah" (March), "Woe MacGregor" (Patrol), "The Colour" (slow march), "Georgia" (Quick march) and "War Time Songs" by the band and drums preceded the evening hymn, "Abide with Me" by the Band. The Regiment March was followed by "The Prince of Wales," which together with "God Save the King," brought an excellent three quarters of an hour's entertainment to a close.

Super-British Film.

At the Queen's the wonderfully realistic British film entitled "The Battles of the Coronel and Falkland Islands" made a big impression. Here Britain's naval might was demonstrated in a strikingly life-like manner and pictured this famous encounter between German and British warships during the great war in a manner that was very pleasing. The sinking of two British cruisers and the subsequent wiping out of the German vessels was relieved of its intense grimness to a certain extent by humorous incidents which considerably enhance the value of the picture.

Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, the President of St. George's Society, gave a short address in which he welcomed members of His Majesty's Forces and expressed the hope that

they would enjoy themselves.

We are able to announce that this super-British film will shortly be screened at the Queen's Theatre for the general public and none should miss the opportunity of seeing it.

Vocal renderings which were offered by Mr. W. A. Hannibal and Mr. G. Glover were warmly applauded.

At the Star Theatre another excellent film was shown entitled "Tell it to the Marines," and Mrs. Carnegie sang "Land of Hope and Glory" at the end.

Mr. J. Bentley was in charge of the arrangements at the Queen's Theatre and Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy was responsible for the arrangements at the Star Theatre.

FRENCH ELECTIONS.

COMMUNISTS MAKE POOR SHOWING.

Paris, Apr. 23. At 4.30 a.m. there had been elected three Conservatives, 49 Republicans, 31 Left Republicans, nine Radicals, 11 Radical Socialists, four Socialist Republicans, 12 Socialists and no Communist. Second ballots will be necessary for 299 seats.—Havas.

175 Returned.

Paris, Apr. 23. The parliamentary election returns received from all constituencies except Corsica and nine of the colonies show that candidates for 175 seats have been returned on the first ballot. There will be second ballots on the 29th in 427 constituencies. Most of the successful candidates have declared themselves supporters of the present government.—Reuter.

Communist Defeat.

Paris, Apr. 23. A notable feature in the elections is the route of the Communists who hitherto are without a seat as compared with 27 in the last Chamber.—Reuter.

A Few Figures.

Paris, Apr. 23. Final statistics give as elected seven Conservatives, 76 Republicans, 47 Left Republicans, thirteen Radicals, sixteen Radical Socialists, four Socialist Republicans, and fourteen Socialists. One result was contested. The results from the Colonies are missing. Second ballots will be necessary for 424 seats.—Havas.

[The main issue in the French elections is the question of the continuance of the Poincare government and its financial policy. The odds are strongly in favour of a comfortable majority for Poincare, which means a cabinet composed of leaders of all parties of order (as opposed to parties of revolution), who agree to sink party differences to ensure a working majority of the right, centre and left, which will set France's financial house in order. M. Poincare, similarly to in 1926, remains the only statesman capable of controlling such a mixed detachment of political stars.

An element of uncertainty arises from the fact that the elections held under a revision to the old system of "scrutin de arrondissement" with one member per constituency as in Britain, but two ballots.]

MUSICAL TREAT.

A CONCERT AT THE CLUB LUSITANO.

Music-lovers of Hongkong will welcome the opportunity of hearing Professor Guglielmo Cattaneo and Signora Giannina Carvico in a grand concert to be given at the Club Lusitano on Thursday evening. Professor Cattaneo, who arrived here recently on the Kashgar, is the son of a former resident of Hongkong, and has built up a high reputation as a solo pianist. Press reports describe him as a brilliant pianist and a master of technique and those who take the opportunity of hearing him are assured of a musical treat rarely heard here.

Signora Carvico is a soprano with a sweet voice of considerable range, and she has charmed many large audiences in various parts of the world with her delightful singing.

The programme is an exceptional one and will appeal to those who like good music. It is as follows:

Part I.

- (a) Sonata in A Major, Scarlatti (1685-1757).
- (b) Etude in E Major, Chopin.
- Piano—Prof. Guglielmo Cattaneo.
- (a) Caro mio ben, Giordani (1747-98).
- (b) Aria from the Opera "La Wally," Catalani.
- Song—Signora Giannina Carvico.
3. Sonata op. 57 (Appassionata), Beethoven.

Piano—Prof. Guglielmo Cattaneo.

Part II.

- (a) Songs my mother taught me, Dvorak.
- (b) Valse from the Opera "La Boheme," Puccini.
- Song—Signora Giannina Carvico.
- (a) Cuba (Capriccio), Albeniz.
- (b) Nocturne, Frugatta.
- Piano—Prof. Guglielmo Cattaneo.
- (a) Minor and Major, Spres.
- (b) Chanson de Florian, Godard.
- Song—Signora Giannina Carvico.
- Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12, Liszt.

Piano—Prof. Guglielmo Cattaneo.

God Save the King.

OBITUARY.

LADY ROBERT HART.

London, Apr. 23.

The death is reported of Lady Robert Hart.—Reuter.

Lady Robert Hart was the widow of Sir Robert Hart, former Director-General of Chinese Customs, who died in 1911. He passed on from Commissioner of Customs of Canton to the post of Director General and retained that position up to the time of his death. He was the organiser of the Chinese postal system.]

Brigadier-General Grimston.

Brigadier-General Sylvester Bertram Grimston died at The White House, Willington, on March 24, at the age of 63. He served in the operations in China in 1900 on the Staff as D.A.A.G. Later he commanded brigades in India, and retired in 1919, having been created C.M.G. for his services in the War.



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The estimated amount to be withdrawn in May is around three millions, and thus the ten million mark will soon be reached.

The total value of notes issued by the Central Bank was \$27,000,000 of which about two millions are expected to have been lost or otherwise destroyed, while one and a half millions have been surrendered for the use of various provincial towns, such as Pakhoi, Swatow etc.

Allowing for the quantity now withheld from circulation, the value of notes at present in use is estimated to be in the region of fifteen millions only; and by the end of May this quantity is expected to be curtailed to ten millions.

With these measures in force, it is believed that within a month, the Central Bank notes will reach par value.

Municipal Bonds.

In view of the recent fluctuation of Central Bank Notes, the Municipal Bank put into circulation certain bonds which they had prepared, but had never used. These bonds are in denominations of \$10, \$25, \$50, and \$100.

These bonds have been readily accepted by the public, but owing to existing financial stringency, they are found to be of too high denominations to be readily helpful. In order to meet present needs, a new denomination of \$5 is being printed and will be put into circulation shortly.

Since the establishment of this bank a short half year ago, the business has been increasing steadily and rapidly, and at the present time its premises are becoming insufficient for the work that has to be handled. It is heard that Messrs. Yiu and Shum, managers of the bank, have concluded a contract with the owners of Ka Nam Tong building to secure an extension to the bank premises. This move has been approved by the Municipal Administrative Council.

DELTA PIRES.

A JUNK MINED AT SHEKLI.

In the evening of the 19th inst., says the Canton Gazette, the junk Tung-Hing, plying between Canton and Shekli, whilst on the journey to Shekli, when nearing Shek Pik, hit a submerged mine planted by bandits. Fortunately the junk suffered slight damage to the bows only, and was able afterwards to proceed on her way. There were no casualties although the passengers were naturally thrown into a state of panic, but some cargo was damaged.

This district is known to be infested by pirates.

LAICHIKOK MURDER.

CASE FOR THE CROWN CONCLUDED.

The Criminal Sessions were continued at the Supreme Court yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wood and jury, when Sandagar Singh was charged with the murder of Jett Singh at Laichikok on February 18.

The prisoner, who is represented by Mr. W. N. Thomas, Tam, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, pleaded "Not Guilty." Mr. Somerset Filmer is prosecuting for the Crown.

Amay Singh, a watchman employed by the Standard Oil Company on the date of the occurrence stated that on February 18 at the morning meal four watchmen partook of a large bottle of Superior Holland's gin. Witness went on duty at 12 noon and went off at 6 p.m. Shortly after that time he noticed Jett Singh and the prisoner in the watchmen's quarters. Jett Singh was dressed in a suit of pyjamas while the prisoner was in his uniform. Witness stated that Jett Singh was very drunk and was stammering. At 8.15 p.m. witness noticed Jett Singh sitting on his bed but at 11.45 p.m. when witness was awakened, in order that he could go on duty at midnight, both Jett Singh and the prisoner were nowhere to be seen.

Had a Fight.

In answer to Mr. Tam witness said that he did not know where Jett Singh could buy wine in Laichikok in order to get "very very drunk." He said that wine was procurable at Teim Sha Tsui but not at Laichikok. Answering further questions witness said that Jett Singh and prisoner were good friends but on the night of February 18 the former told witness that he had had a fight with prisoner and appeared to be angry.

Bhudar Singh gave evidence of seeing Jett Singh and the prisoners walking towards the bus terminus and later, at about half past seven he saw Jett Singh in his quarters. He was in a drunken condition. He went to bed but later got up and went out. Witness went to sleep and was awakened at midnight and joined in the search for the missing men.

Replying to counsel for the defence witness said he knew of no quarrel between the men. Jett Singh was angry when he was in his quarters as well as the present time his premises are becoming insufficient for the work that has to be handled. It is heard that Messrs. Yiu and Shum, managers of the bank, have concluded a contract with the owners of Ka Nam Tong building to secure an extension to the bank premises. This move has been approved by the Municipal Administrative Council.

Evidence was given by shopkeepers who said they saw the two men during the evening and another Indian watchman who said, in reply to Mr. Tam, that he knew of no quarrel between the men.

Mr. W. C. Kelley, installation superintendent of the Laichikok premises, said at seven o'clock on the morning of February 18 he had been told about Jett Singh and the prisoner being drunk and on the following morning the No. 1 watchman told him of the discovery of Jett Singh's body. Witness saw the body and communicated with the police.

Replying to Mr. Tam witness said the watchman often got drunk but he knew of no quarrel or ill-feeling between the two men.

Chopper Disappears.

A cook employed at the Indian quarters said that when he left at six o'clock on the evening of February 18 there were two choppers in the kitchen and when he returned at 5 p.m. the next day the best of the two choppers was missing.

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not there and it had not since been found.

Another witness spoke of granting permission to use his whetstone to an Indian for the purpose of sharpening something.

An Indian policeman, who arrested the prisoner five minutes before the half past six train left Kowloon on the morning of the murder, said the prisoner was drunk and could not walk straight.

Sub-inspector A. J. W. Dorling, who saw the prisoner in the charge room, said he smelt strongly of drink and appeared to be stupid. Witness saw the abrasions on the prisoner's hands. The cuts were quite fresh but he did not think they had bled much.

An Indian interpreter spoke of charging the prisoner with the murder when he replied to the effect that he was under the influence of drink and did not know anything about it.

Acting Chief Detective Inspector Lane, referring to the cuts on the prisoner's hands, said he did not consider they were sufficiently large to cause blood to drop. Witness saw the prisoner just after seven o'clock in the morning when he was hot and feverish.

Inspector Lane's evidence concluded the case for the Crown.

No Defence Evidence.

In reply to his Lordship Mr. Tam said he was not going to call any evidence.

His Lordship adjourned the case.

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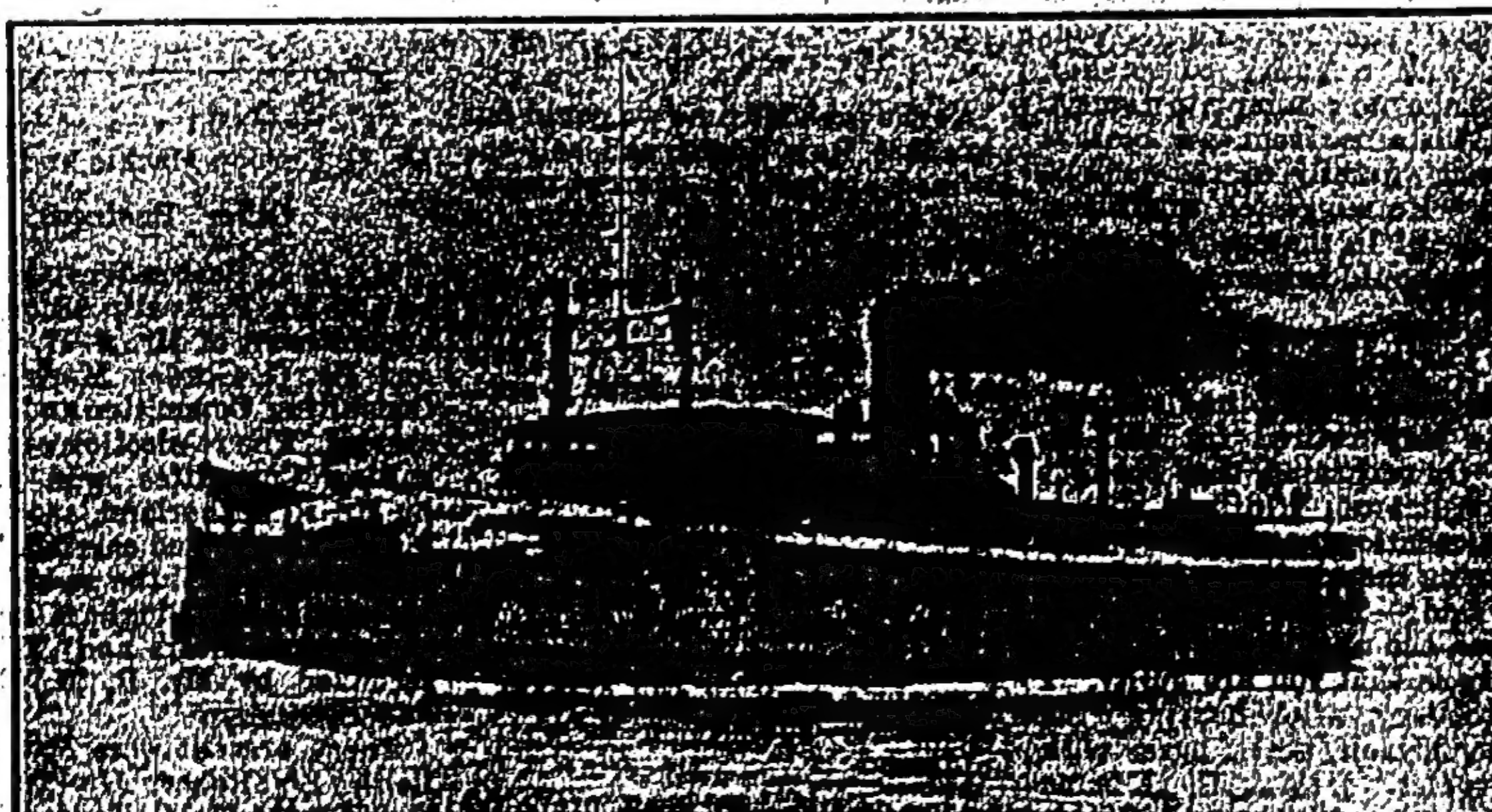
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LAICHIKOK TRIAL
CONCLUDED.WATCHMAN GUILTY OF
MURDER.RECOMMENDATION TO MERCY
BY JURY.

DEATH SENTENCE.

At the Criminal Sessions, this morning, Sandagar Singh was found guilty of the murder of Jett Singh at Laichikok on February 18th, but was recommended to mercy. Mr. Justice Wood, in passing sentence of death, expressed his agreement with the verdict and said no doubt the fact that the prisoner was drunk had led the jury to make a recommendation to mercy.

The prisoner heard the sentence impassively. In addressing the jury this morning, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, who prosecuted for the Crown, said it had been proved that Jett Singh had been set upon and struck down by some sharp, heavy instrument, and evidence had been called to show that the weapon was in all probability an axe.

So far as the evidence for the Crown went, there was no mention of any quarrel between the men, but he would ask the jury to say that it was a deliberate attempt on the life of Jett Singh. The evidence made it clear that it was a case of murder.

The Bloodstains.

After dealing with the evidence counsel said no explanation was forthcoming to explain the bloodstains on the prisoner's tunic and trousers. The evidence showed that the abrasions on the prisoner's right hand were not sufficient to cause blood to flow.

It had come out in cross-examination that when Jett Singh returned to his quarters at about nine o'clock, he was angry and said he had had a quarrel with the prisoner whom he had struck twice with his fist. The prisoner ran away and he (Jett Singh) threw a bottle after him. That was the only evidence of any quarrel between two semi-drunk men.

Counsel asked the jury to say that the prisoner took the chopper, which was missed from the kitchen, and had not been found.

Mr. Thomas Tam, for the defence, in explaining why the prisoner had not gone into the witness box, reminded the jury that when charged the prisoner said "I was drunk and know nothing about it." It was difficult to get evidence out of a man who was in a condition when he was drunk and could not remember anything. If a man, in such circumstances, was subjected to a severe cross-examination, he might say something which would prejudice him. For the defence they accepted, so far as they could, all the facts of the Crown.

Self-Defence?

Mr. Tam advanced the theory, which he said was quite as likely to be true as the story told by the Crown, that Jett Singh, having quarrelled with the prisoner returned to his quarters, and, after turning the matter over in his mind for half an hour got up, took his blanket and got the chopper himself, with the intention of doing the prisoner bodily harm. The blanket, said counsel, could be used for covering up the weapon and could have been used as some means of protection in a fight. Furthermore, Jett Singh knew that the prisoner was outside and would have to come to the quarters before going on duty. Jett Singh therefore could have lain in wait for the prisoner, and the latter might have struck the former in self-defence.

Counsel further said that the prisoner's conduct was not consistent with a guilty conscience, as he made no attempt to remove the bloodstains from his clothes and went quietly to the Police Station. He suggested that there was a doubt in the case, of which prisoner should be given the benefit.

Verdict of "Guilty."

After his Lordship had summed up, the jury retired for half an hour. On returning, they brought in a verdict of "Guilty," with a recommendation to mercy.

Donning the black cap, his Lordship said:—"After hearing the evidence, the unanimous verdict of the jury is that you are guilty. I wish to say, after hearing the evidence myself, that I agree with that verdict. I think there is no doubt that you have caused this man's death. When you did it you were drunk and that is probably why the jury recommended that mercy should be extended to you. That recommendation will be forwarded to H.E. the Governor in due course. It is my duty to pass the sentence of the Court upon you."

His Lordship then passed sentence of death.

COLOSSAL DAMAGE
IN GREECE.'QUAKE RENDERS THOUSANDS
HOMELESS.

FORTUNATE WARNING.

Athens, Apr. 23.
A score of earthquake shocks occurred at Peloponnesus in the course of 24 hours. The inhabitants of Corinth fled from their homes after the first comparatively weak shock at nine o'clock in the evening, and were outdoors when the most disastrous shock occurred three-quarters of an hour later. Ten thousand people in Corinth were left homeless, destitute and half-clad, while two thousand at Lutraki and four thousand elsewhere are in similar circumstances.

The telegraph office collapsed and the prisons were destroyed. There were few casualties, the population having been warned by previous shocks and leaving the town. The bathing station at Lutraki near the Corinth canal was destroyed.

The power house at Corinth was destroyed and the town was left in darkness all night. It is now reported that 20 persons were killed. Fifty houses collapsed in Kalamaki. The Corinth canal is undamaged.—*Reuter*.

Malta, Apr. 23.
The flotilla leader, H.M.S. Stuart, and the supply ship Perthshire have left for Corinth.

Sofia, Apr. 23.
Two more earthquake shocks occurred at Philippopolis last night.—*Reuter*.

SUGAR REFINERY'S
LOSSES.

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We have experienced very severe competition from the Japanese refineries during the year and the increasing quantities of Java White Sugars which are being imported into China is another very serious factor contributing to the low prices obtainable for our refined products.

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The Limit Reached.

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This report has been prepared and will be submitted to you at an informal meeting to be held immediately after this meeting.

I do not think there is anything further that calls for comment and I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented, and when this has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any question which shareholders may wish to ask.

ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN
DRUGS.BRITISH DELEGATE'S
SUMMARY.FAR EAST BY FAR WORST
PROBLEM.

LIMIT MANUFACTURE.

Geneva, Apr. 23.
A very effective summary of the present position of the drug traffic was given by Sir Malcolm Delevigne, the British delegate to the Opium Committee, at a public sitting to-day.

Sir Malcolm declared that there has been no change in the illicit traffic in raw opium since the last session of the Committee.

No Remedy Visible.

The export from Persia was unabated, the smuggling of opium in China continued, and there was no remedy visible till order was restored in China.

Sir Malcolm agreed with Signor Cavazzoni that the limitation of manufacture was the only final solution of the problem and that had always been the view of the British Government.

Big Consumers.

He paid a tribute to the action taken by the Netherlands to suppress the traffic, and mentioned that there was still a large traffic to the United States, Canada, the Eastern Mediterranean and Greece, where the imports were far greater than the legal requirements.

Far East the Worst.

The Far East, however, was by far the worst problem with which the Committee had to deal. He suggested that there should be closer co-operation with South America and prompt communication of seizures to the Governments concerned.

The Committee agreed with Sir Malcolm Delevigne's summary of the situation, and Viscount Sato (Japan) suggested there should be co-operation with Afghanistan in the control of opium.—*Reuter*.

SOUTH NEARING
TSINAN.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Feng's Claim.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang claims to have captured Peicheng which is sixteen miles from Tainan, the present objective of all the Nationalist forces. Marshal Feng will probably launch a flank attack on Tainan in the near future.

Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a number of his headquarters officials to proceed to Yenchow, to which place the aviation branch of the Nationalist Army has already proceeded.

Chiang Kai-shek has also sent messages to Nanking ordering that more planes be sent to the front.

Nanking Protest.

Further meetings were held on Sunday in Nanking attended by all the prominent Nationalist leaders, in connexion with the protest against the despatch of Japanese troops to Shantung. On Monday at noon there was a further meeting on the same matter, but it is not known what decision the conferences reached.

The anti-Japanese Society in Amoy met on Sunday, and it proposes to call a country-wide anti-Japanese movement, as a protest against the sending of Japanese troops to Shantung.

The proposal was seconded by Mr. G. Gordon Mackie and carried.

Other Business.

Mr. B. L. Seaton-Weston proposed and Mr. F. Austin seconded the appointment of Mr. A. H. Compton and Mr. G. Gordon Mackie to the Consulting Committee and this was carried. The re-election of the Consulting Committee was proposed by Mr. R. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Ho Leung and carried. Mr. H. Birkett proposed the re-election of Messrs. Lowe, Bligham and Matthews as auditors and this was seconded by Mr. P. M. Hodgson and carried.

Those present were Mr. B. D. F. Belth, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. P. White, Mr. G. Gordon Mackie, Mr. E. B. Clarke (secretary) and Mr. M. H. Turner (solicitors). Shareholders present were Messrs. A. A. Alves, H. Birkett, Chon Fomin, F. M. Courtney, Choo Po-sien, J. David, F. M. Ellis, F. M. P. de Graen, J. F. Grose, J. Gould, P. M. Hodgson, E. D. Kotwall, Lee Hy-san, H. Middleton, A. Nissin, A. M. da Silva, R. Sutherland, A. B. Stewart, B. L. Seaton-Weston and F. Austin.

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